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OAT Semi-Annual Newsletter

A Sense of Place, Inclusion, Transformation, and Future

General inquiry: Email oat@csustan.edu

Virtual Winter Institute (VWI) Recap

Thank you for joining us at our first VWI! We received over 75 participants and extended VWI through the second week!. We hoped VWI provided you with the tools you need to start the Spring semester. If so, we encourage you to serve as a presenter during our Spring Institute on March 22-25/April 12-15 (pick a slot) so that your fellow colleagues can learn about your takeaways from the VWI. [Sign-up for Spring Institute 2021.](#)

Blackboard Conversion To Canvas



The Spring semester is fast approaching, and as you are aware, it will be the last term that the Blackboard LMS will be available.

Some FAQs:

Will I still have access to my Blackboard Courses after Spring 2021?

- You will no longer have any access to your Blackboard content after May 31, 2021.

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If I need access to my “old” courses in Blackboard after the transition, what should I do?

- We recommend that you download your Blackboard course content to your computer.
- Read more: [Importing and Migrating Courses](#)

NEW! Canvas Concierge Service

Each instructor can request up to four (4) Blackboard courses that OAT will copy into a generic Canvas shell. Please fill out the [Blackboard Course Migration Request](#) form. If you have Blackboard content that you would like OAT staff to migrate to Canvas for you.

***Please note:** course content that is not copied to Canvas will become inaccessible once the Blackboard contract ends.*

Migration Support

Each college will be supported by a dedicated OAT staff member and several [Faculty Ambassadors for Canvas \(FACs\)](#).

Blackboard Collaborate Access Ending June 1

With the end of the Blackboard contract comes the end of access to Blackboard Collaborate. Any desired Collaborate recordings must be downloaded and saved before **June 1, 2021** when access to the service will end. Instructors can download recordings as regular .mp4 video files by going into the Collaborate tool for a course and clicking on the *Recordings* tab. From there, each recording can be saved. This deadline applies to both Collaborate Original and Collaborate Ultra recordings.

Improve Course Accessibility with Ally!

OAT is very excited to announce Ally, a new tool we are making available to Stan State to help support student success! Ally is being piloted by our Accessibility Champions during the Spring 2021 term, followed by a broader rollout in the 2021-22 Academic Year.

What Is Ally?

Ally is a new tool that helps make instructional content more accessible and increases the usability for all learners. Ally integrates into Canvas to gauge the accessibility of course content, provides guidance and tips to faculty/instructors for making lasting improvements to our academic content, and allows students more autonomy in personalizing the learning material.

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Ally Key Benefits

- Accessibility gauges indicate accessibility scores for faculty course materials
- Instructor feedback includes step-by-step instructions to help faculty make content more accessible
- Alternate versions of content (e.g., MP3, HTML, ePub, Tagged PDFs) can be downloaded by students to support their preferred learning style or to better suit their learning environment

Congratulations to our 2021 Accessibility Champions!

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Video Recordings (NEW!)

Faculty now have the ability to view [PAC Series Video Tutorials](#) on our OAT Site. We invite you to check them out.

On-going Webinars/Podcast (NEW!)

- [GoReact](#)
- [Hypothesis](#)
- [VoiceThread](#)
- [Tips for Teaching Professors -- End-of-semester surveys, creative syllabi, technology and academic integrity](#)
- [Podcast Episodes on Leading Improvements in Higher Education, Assessment Update](#)
- [Journal Articles](#)
- [Respondus](#)
- [Ally](#)

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Panopto - What Is It?

Our newest easy-to-use desktop and lecture recording tool integrates seamlessly within Canvas and offers **UNLIMITED** storage. Pre-recorded video files can be easily uploaded, video content can be edited, automatic captions enabled, quizzes added, and so much more! For more information on Panopto, please visit [Canvas How-To: Panopto Recordings](#) or contact the OAT team.

Oat Tech Tips

Announcing our OAT Tech Tips! These are frequently asked questions from faculty, tips for managing and improving LMS usage, video recordings, storage and more. For frequent up-to-date OAT Tech Tips, visit <https://www.csustan.edu/office-academic-technology/oat-tech-tips>.

Canvas Support

Option 1: Remember to check out the [Canvas Support](#) for faculty and students from the OAT website.



Using Canvas for the 1st Time



Canvas Guides



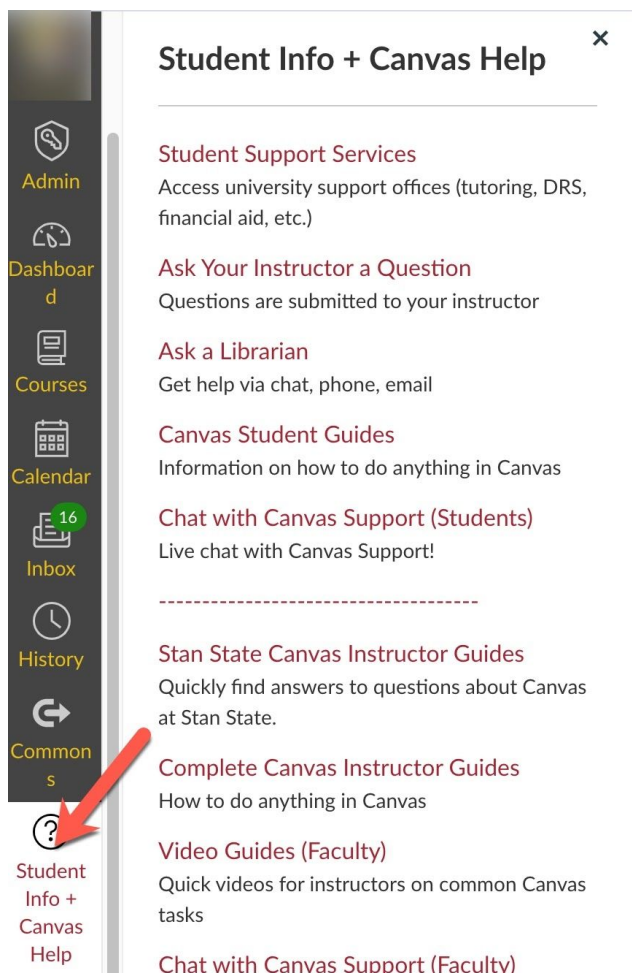
OAT Canvas Workshops



Canvas Community

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Option 2: Directly from your Canvas course, click “Canvas Help” to contact Canvas support via web, chat, or phone: 1-844-516-5962 (24x7)



Option 3: Book an [appointment](#) with the OAT Team!

Canvas Student Guides

Canvas Student Guides are available to help students get acquainted with how-to use Canvas. It is now available on our Stan State Portal and [Student Resources](#).

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Canvas Enhancements (LTI)

Instructors do not have the ability to install new 3rd party apps (e.g., via LTI) into a Canvas course. To request installation of a 3rd party app, consult the [Canvas Enhancement Request Form](#). Current available tools (or soon to-be):

- [Respondus](#)
- [Folio \(ePortfolio\)](#)
- [VoiceThread](#)
- [Zoom](#)
- [Panopto Recordings](#)
- [Ally \(Pilot\)](#)
- [Hypothesis](#)
- [Flipgrid](#)
- [GoReact](#)
- [Labster](#)

For a list of regular tools, please visit the [OAT site](#).

Academic Resiliency Checklist

Smoke days, sick days, power outages, viruses, etc ...

You can continue with class even if you cannot physically meet with your students. Start preparing for possible events by ticking the items off this checklist:

- [Academic Resiliency Checklist](#)
- [Sample Syllabus Checklist](#)
- [Course Evaluation Checklist](#)

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DET/CHE Annual Conference Takeaways

Maribel Duran, OAT Program Coordinator had the opportunity to attend the [Directors of Educational Technology/California Higher Education \(DET/CHE\)](#) Annual Conference last December. Her three top takeaways from the information shared at the conference were:

1. The importance of recognizing faculty pedagogical needs as the driving force and, at the same time, accommodating and balancing faculty needs. For example, having the OAT staff available for one-on-one consults helps tailor to specific support to our faculty during the Canvas transition and ongoing pandemic.
2. Honoring the faculty's expertise and experience while challenging them to try new things as we navigate this new online teaching environment. For example, new tools such as *Labster* that enables faculty and students to virtually simulate a lab environment.
3. Almost every presentation mentioned the importance of creating a supportive online community for faculty, staff, and students and setting the foundation for student success.

When we collectively share resources and collaborate, we become more efficient, productive, and resilient. At OAT, we strive to work together to better help and support the faculty here on our campus. We are here for you! - oat@csustan.edu

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Meet our Staff

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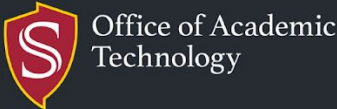


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Below you will find who is the point of contact for your individual needs when it comes to academic technology.

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