

## Blackboard Ally

Ally is now available in all summer and Fall 2018 Bb courses. For more info on Bb's new accessibility tool, click [HERE](#). To schedule a one-on-one consultation, [email us](#).

## Medial Update

CCRI's video streaming server will be updated to its latest version over the summer. Updated features include: a more modern interface, a new video player, and its own [lecture capturing app](#) which will be replacing TechSmith Relay after Summer Session 2.

## PD Workshops

We will be offering numerous professional development workshops throughout the summer on Bb (Intro, Assignments, Tests, Grade Center, Ally) and MediaLecture. Click [HERE](#) to see a listing of all courses being offered and to register.



# UPDATES

## Summer 2018

The Center for Instruction & Technology invites you to take a look at our CIT Updates publication we've created to keep faculty abreast of the latest news and updates in regards to Instructional Technology here at CCRI.

## Blackboard Attendance Tool

Bb's Attendance tool will be available in all Blackboard courses for the start of Summer Session 1. The tool automatically creates an attendance column in the Grade Center. Here's some more information on the [Attendance tool](#).

Student	Today	Present	Late	Absent	Excused
Mina Akbar	--	✓	⊙	✗	⊙
Oliver Albe	--	✓	⊙	✗	⊙
Hunter Brown	--	✓	⊙	✗	⊙
Duncan Carroll	--	✓	⊙	✗	⊙
Chris Casper	--	✓	⊙	✗	⊙
Emily Churchill	--	✓	⊙	✗	⊙

## Student Success via My Grades in Blackboard:

An interesting [article](#) on the My Grades tool and its effect on students who use it...“The most consistent predictor of student achievement was how frequently a student looked at their grades; this surprised me given that other tools (like assessments) directly and tangibly influence a student's grade. This is an independent behavioral measure and yet is a very strong predictor.”

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## Blackboard Known Issues

To stay abreast of the ever-changing issues that pop up in Bb, please be aware that the [KNOWN ISSUES](#) page is updated when a major issue is found.

## Making Documents Accessible

In conjunction with Bb Ally, making your documents accessible to all students is of the utmost importance. For step-by-step directions on how to make Office (all platforms) and PDF documents available, take a look at our [Making Documents Accessible](#) page.

## Blackboard How To's:

Have you archived your past courses? Do you need to course copy your previous semester's course to your current course? Head over to our blackboard [How To](#) page for step-by-step directions on Bb basics.

## One-on-One Consultations

Instructional Support staff are available on a drop-in basis to answer quick questions and provide simple solutions that can be accomplished in a short period of time. For requests that require more time, faculty can schedule one-on-one consultations with an Instructional Support staff at any one of our four campus CIT locations. Please [email](#) the IT Help Desk to schedule an appointment.