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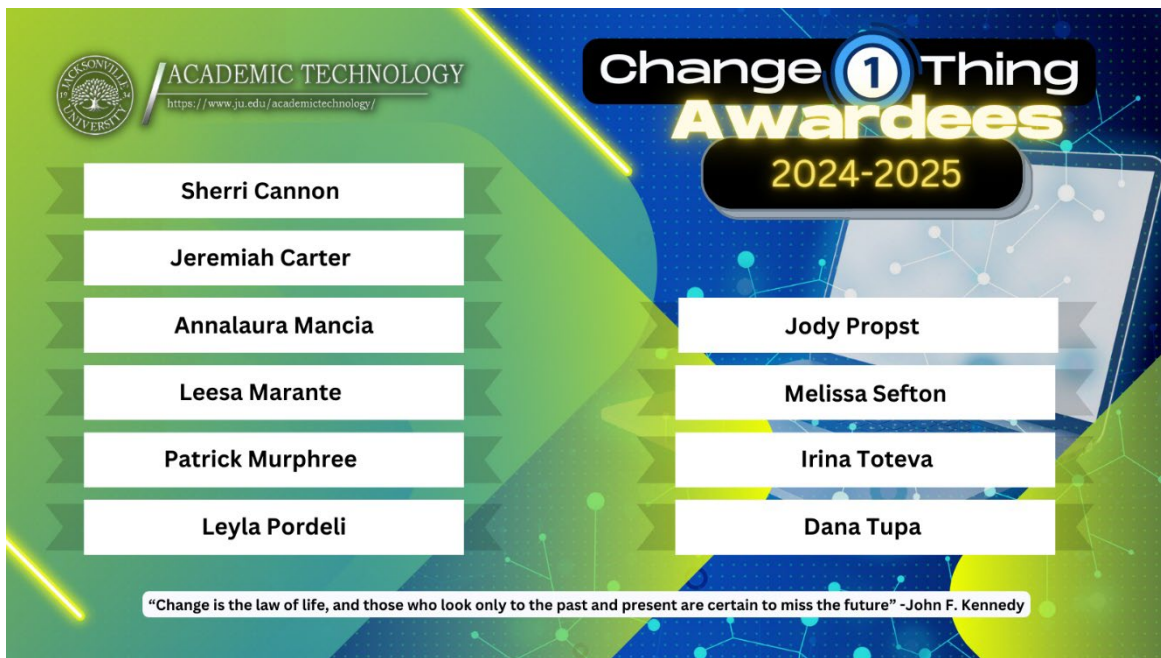
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The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) and Academic Technology (AT) departments are excited to offer a robust lineup of professional development opportunities for October. Whether you're looking to enhance your teaching methodologies, integrate the latest educational technologies, or explore innovative approaches to student engagement, we have an array of workshops, discussions, and hands-on sessions designed to support your professional growth. Review the [October events](#) and [register here](#).



We had a record number of Change 1 Thing applications! The selection process was difficult, please congratulate your colleagues that were selected for the incentive!



Midterm Grades are here!

Midterm grades are completed through Starfish and are due at 9am on October 10th.

Watch a short video on how to complete a survey in Starfish!

<https://www.screencast.com/t/ZBIJRVbL>

We have several open hours and recordings to help you ensure your gradebook is ready to report Midterm Grades.

Blackboard Ultra Lab with JU

Every Tuesday; 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Virtual [Join the meeting now](#)

Blackboard Gradebook Recordings

Blackboard Ultra Gradebook Management - [Point Total Meeting Recording](#)

Blackboard Ultra Gradebook Management - [Weighted Total Meeting Recording](#)

Gradebook Open Office Hours with Corey from Blackboard

Wednesday, October 2nd; 1:00 - 2:00 pm Virtual [Join the meeting now](#)

Tuesday, October 8th; 1:00 - 2:00 pm Virtual [Join the meeting now](#)

Thursday, October 10th; 1:00 - 2:00 pm Virtual [Join the meeting now](#)

Midterm Mania

Friday, October 4th 10:00 - 3:00 pm Founders 7; Join the AT Department for drop-in hours from 10 AM to 3 PM in Founders 7 for assistance on your specific grading needs

Make a one-on-one appointment with our [Ultra support team on the Ultra website](#).



A few Blackboard Reminders:

Messages - After many years of request, we have finally been able to turn off the University-wide messaging system in Blackboard. You will no longer see the Message link on the main navigation of Blackboard! Faculty can turn messaging on in the courses that they wish to utilize it in. To turn messaging ON in your courses, follow this [guide](#). If messages are turned off (default now), students can still use the envelope by your name in Blackboard to send you a system email. These often go to Clutter, so make sure you are checking. You can reply to these emails and it will go directly to the student's email account.

Grade Book Overall Settings - In Ultra courses you can now set the overall grade to calculate grades based on points earned out of total graded points.. This can be an effective way to communicate students' grades, especially toward the end of the semester. To turn on the option for your overall grade in ultra courses, follow this [guide](#).

Adding Users - Over the past year, we have had some issues with students being added to blackboard courses manually and not through the registration process. This has caused several financial and graduation issues. At this time, the ability to add users to a course has been removed from users. If you need a faculty member added to a course, please reach out to Matthew Pate, mpate1@ju.edu or Dee Thornton, dthornt@ju.edu. If you need a student added to a course, reach out to the Registrar's office, registrar@ju.edu.

Additional Blackboard Resources:



Are you interested in adding to your AI tools and resources? Check out these AI Resources:

- a. New study – older students use AI
more: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666920X24000973?via=ihub>
- b. OpenAI o1 preview: <https://openai.com/index/introducing-openai-o1-preview/>
- c. UF's AI across the curriculum
videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0weqBvQH17c&list=PLxU0QIRdSx8JPdbNJboSu-pCoEN6bWKxN&index=1>
- d. Ithaka S+R's tool list: <https://sr.ithaka.org/our-work/generative-ai-product-tracker/>
- e. metaLab (at) Harvard AI Pedagogy Project - <https://aipedagogy.org/assignments/>
- f. Stanford Craft AI Literacy Resources- <https://craft.stanford.edu/resources/>
- g. AI Prompt Libraries for Educators - <https://www.controlaltachieve.com/2024/03/ai-prompt-libraries-for-educators.html>

Interested in learning more about AI in education? Sign up for two of our AI specific [workshops in October](#).

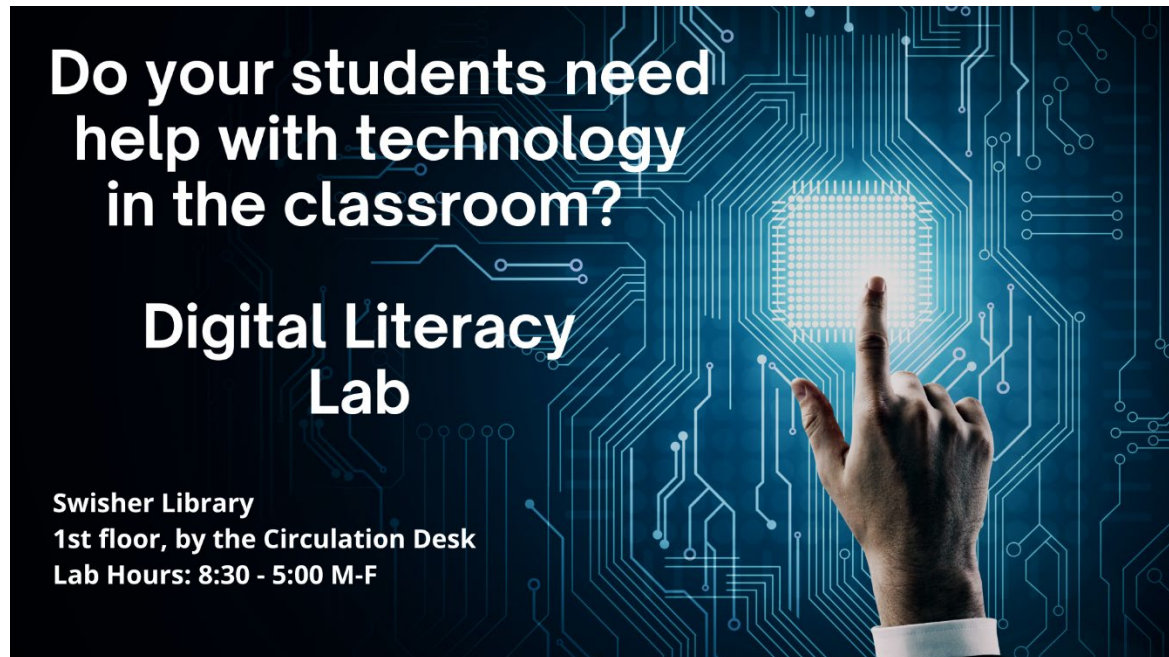
Have you been integrating AI into assignments or activities with your students? We're collecting examples to showcase on our website and to inspire future projects. [Complete the survey to tell us about it!](#)



TurnItIn has announced improvements to the student view of the Similarity Report when using Turnitin via the [Blackboard Ultra assignment workflow](#). Starting October 15, 2024, the student report will be upgraded to the enhanced Similarity Report, which is currently available to instructors.

To ensure a smooth transition, we've created a dedicated [Similarity Report Resource Center](#) with educator and student-focused tutorials, webinars, demos, and expert tips. You'll find everything you need in one place to help you and your students get the most value from this upgrade. Here are a few resource that will be especially useful in helping your students get familiar with the new report:

- [Self-guided demo: Student experience](#)
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A promotional graphic for the Digital Literacy Lab. The background is a dark blue with glowing white circuit board patterns. A hand is shown pointing at a glowing digital interface. The text is white and bold.

Do your students need help with technology in the classroom?

Digital Literacy Lab

Swisher Library
1st floor, by the Circulation Desk
Lab Hours: 8:30 - 5:00 M-F

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