Portfolios in Blackboard

Using the Portfolio Feature in Blackboard Learn

Portfolios are an important tool in academic and professional development. They provide a powerful medium for users to efficiently collect and organize artifacts representative of work completed over time. Portfolios offer a means to demonstrate progress towards and achievement of goals. Portfolio authors are empowered with tools to effectively present their information in a cohesive, personalized format.

Portfolios use evidence of your education, work samples and skills to tell a carefully crafted story to the world about who you are and what you can do. Portfolios contain an organized collection of artifacts to tell that story. You can use more than one portfolio to tell more than one story. In Blackboard Learn, portfolios can be created by individual users or by instructors as assignments in courses.

Sample Portfolios (courtesy of Northern Illinois University)

1. Sample Layout 1 (Left Vertical Navigation)
2. Sample Layout 2 (Right Vertical Navigation)
3. Sample Layout 3 (Right Navigation Box)
4. Sample Layout 4 (Horizontal Navigation)
5. Stephanie Richter's competency portfolio

How to Create Portfolios

You can start with the Portfolio section of the Blackboard Manual.

Northern Illinois University has also developed online resources for students and for instructors.

Neumann University has a Getting Started Guide for portfolios.

Susan Quinn of University of Southern Carolina created a Google Site all about portfolios.

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