

# LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS NEWSLETTER

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## UPDATES

**Call For Presentations:** Learning Environments hosts monthly sessions that highlight teacher successes with educational technology. Today we are calling for short presentations from anyone who teaches at Rice. **See the announcement in Canvas and/or the [First Fridays Call for Presentations blog post](#) for details.**

**Gradescope is now available in all registrar-booked Rice courses in Canvas.** Gradescope supports fully online, paper-based, and programming assignments. It is perfect for classes with multiple graders and/or large enrollments; it can also assist with smaller courses by giving analytics, storing common feedback, rubric creation, and more. We will be holding workshops for both new and experienced users in August. For details on the use of this tool, visit the [Gradescope Now Added to All Courses post](#). For new features visit the [Gradescope Updates blog post](#).

## NEW FEATURES

**Read and Respond** is a new feature in Canvas for Fall 2022 that allows instructors to create assignments using course Resource List materials. Instructors can 1) create assignments in which students add comments for a grade, 2) pose questions and provide feedback to students, 3) sync grades with the gradebook. For more information, please visit the reserves [LibGuide](#) or watch this [video overview of the tool](#). For more, contact the Course Reserves team at [reserve@rice.edu](mailto:reserve@rice.edu).

Beginning in July 2022, **Canvas support center will include a [Virtual Assistant](#)**. Faculty and students will use the new Canvas Support Center. You will still be able to chat or call support from this interface if necessary.

## REMINDERS

[Update your Zoom!](#) If you are having issues with Canvas, [make sure your browser is up to date](#).

## TIPS AND TRICKS

### CANVAS

When you download the gradebook from Canvas, a few additional read-only columns are added. For details about all the information included in that download, visit the [Canvas Gradebook download](#) blog post.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Check the [Access @ Rice blog](#) for updates, upcoming workshops, and more!

### KALTURA

Kaltura can be used by students to record, upload, and share presentations or projects with audio or video.

### ZOOM

Hosts can [export poll or quiz results](#) as a file that replicates the visual layout of the in-meeting poll report.

## SUPPORT

- 24/7 for Canvas using Canvas Support (last button on Global Navigation Bar in Canvas)
- See the [Training Center](#) for Tech Tools workshops or to sign up for one-on-one training
- Email [teaching@rice.edu](mailto:teaching@rice.edu) for general help