

# LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS NEWSLETTER

## (JULY 2022)

### 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.** 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](#).

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

The NEW **Collaborations tool** in Canvas will allow which allows users to create Google Docs, Google Spreadsheets, and Google Presentations. We want to turn this on so that you have more options in your courses going forward. [Visit the Google Collaborations in Canvas blog post](#). to learn more.

**IMPORTANT: When we turn on the new functionality, all old collaborations will be deleted from Canvas. If you have any Collaborations you would like to save from your courses (past or present), you will need to copy and paste that content to a new document in your own Rice google drive to save it. Your information needs to be saved by July 20th, 2022.**

#### ACCESSIBILITY

[UDOIT Cloud is an educational tool for helping you improve your own accessibility design practices over time.](#)

The tool helps identify and fix accessibility issues across your entire Canvas course. It scans your course and produces a report of all accessibility issues, explanations, learning resources, and tools for reviewing and fixing issues. For more information about accessible design in Canvas, see [Rice's Accessibility Course Guides](#).

#### KALTURA

Embed a video from the Media Gallery as part of the prompt for a Discussion board. This can be done while drafting the discussion instructions in the Rich Content Editor, and can serve as an engaging opener for a class discussion.

#### ZOOM

[Hosts and co-hosts are now able to Search breakout rooms](#) by name to better manage breakout rooms, allowing them to quickly view, assign, or move participants between breakout rooms.

### 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