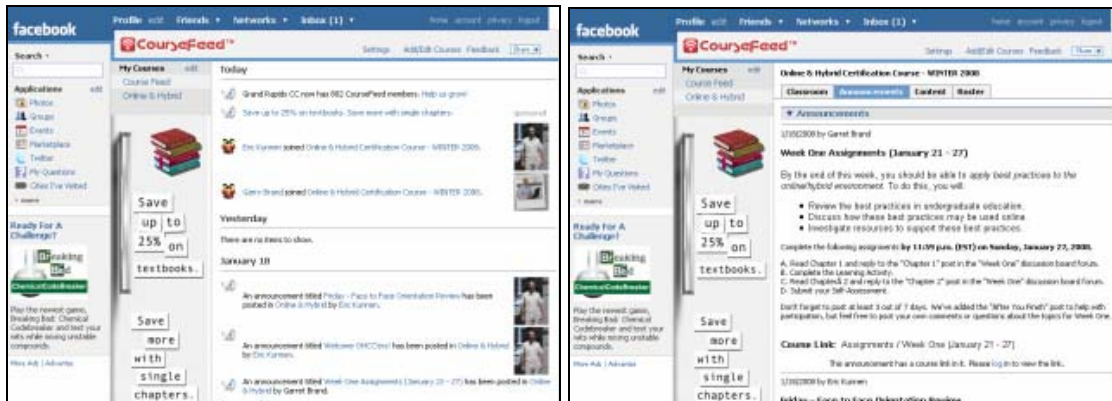


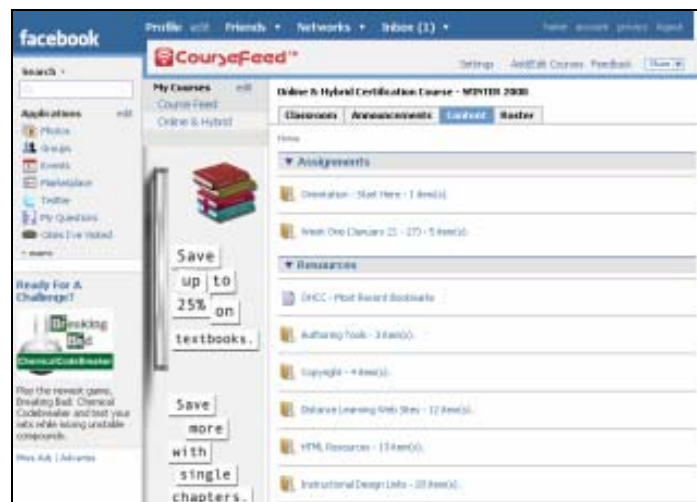
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CourseFeed is a free social learning application that is not operated by GRCC or by Blackboard Inc. It has been made available through a company called ClassTop, Inc.



Specifically, CourseFeed is a free Facebook application that shows students what's new in their courses in Blackboard (like a news feed). CourseFeed can enhance the learning experience for students since it allows students who use Facebook to receive course updates from Blackboard right in Facebook. In fact, they can even receive email alerts when new announcements or content is made available in Blackboard. There are currently more than 800 students that are using the CourseFeed application at GRCC.



CourseFeed is one of the first of many applications that will be available in the future that extends the ability for students to stay connected to what is happening in their courses from external applications and devices such as mobile phones.

Why did I get an email invitation from CourseFeed?

The CourseFeed application, just like any other Facebook application, provides a way for the user to email other users to invite them to start using the application as well.

What is Facebook?

Facebook is a social network that allows students to connect to each other - there are more than 8,000 accounts on the GRCC network. See: <http://www.facebook.com>

Blackboard Scholar

Another social learning type of application that is provided by Blackboard is called Blackboard Scholar. This application allows students and instructors to share their profile while collecting and sharing web based resources. (See the Scholar tab after logging into Blackboard.)

Additional CourseFeed FAQs:

For students, CourseFeed:

- Allows students to receive their GRCC Blackboard course updates in Facebook.
- Alerts students when new announcements and content are posted to Blackboard.
- Provides a way for students to form study groups, ask questions, and interact with each other.
- Encourages engagement with other students and helps to increase communication between students and instructors.
- Helps to make learning social by providing classmates a way to connect, interact, and collaborate.

For instructors, CourseFeed:

- Does not share Blackboard course announcements or content outside of the course - only students enrolled in the course have access to the information.
- Does not transfer content to Facebook - only links to the content are displayed in Facebook.
- Does not display student photos from Blackboard – student roster photos come from Facebook.
- Does not make public a student's private information.

More information about CourseFeed is available here:

<http://www.coursefeed.com/index.html>