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## Memorandum

TO: All TTU Faculty

FROM: Michael Galyean, Provost  
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SUBJECT: Blackboard Electronic Portfolio Tool

For nearly 18 months, TTU eLearning & Academic Partnerships, the Office of Planning and Assessment, University Career Services, Information Technology, and the Office of the Provost have studied the multiple benefits of electronic portfolios (ePortfolios) for our undergraduate and graduate students. We have concluded that ePortfolios are an excellent option to showcase and assess student learning, making them valuable to faculty and academic programs.

We are pleased to announce that TTU will make Blackboard ePortfolios available to faculty and students during the fall 2018 semester. TTU eLearning & Academic Partnerships is currently producing training resources for faculty and students. Training materials are available on the Blackboard Portfolio Tool page of the eLearning & Academic Partnerships website (<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/elearning/blackboard/portfolio/index.php>).

As we continue to investigate the pedagogical implications of integrating an ePortfolio into a course, the Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development Center (TLPDC) will establish an ePortfolio Faculty Learning Community. This small gathering of interested faculty (including tenured, tenure-track, professors of practice, instructors and graduate students) will meet monthly during the Spring 2018 term to consider the use of ePortfolios as a tool for teaching and learning. Interested faculty members may self-nominate for inclusion in this Faculty Learning Community by contacting TLPDC Director Suzanne Tapp (<mailto:suzanne.tapp@ttu.edu>) with a letter of interest via email. The deadline for indicating interest in participation is Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.