

## Educational Technology Corner | April 2019

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### Tech Tips

Tip: As Brightspace users, everyone is welcome and encouraged to create a [Brightspace Community](#) account.

Microsoft is introducing *Teams*. Think of this app as Skype with expanded group and file sharing functionality. Teams is not a distinct replacement for Skype for Business, it is several features all rolled into one interface. Check with MCW IS on starting up a Team space for your close colleagues. Microsoft has several [informational pages on Teams](#) – no need to compare plans or purchase. This comes to us as part of our Office 365 Institutional Agreement.

### Highlight: Panopto

This month, the tech highlight is Panopto. This is a service most know as our Lecture Capture Platform. However, it does so much more for you. You can review user statistics, as well as create your own screencasts.

- Panopto is integrated with Brightspace, which means you (1) don't have to login a second time and (2) your Brightspace permissions pass to Panopto.
- Access Panopto by opening your Webcast folder in Brightspace, then click on the Panopto Recordings link. Your Panopto page will open in a new tab.
- From the green "create" button, you have options to record or upload, as well as create a new folder (which becomes a sub-folder of your course folder).
- If you hover over the title of any recording, you will see a sub-menu appear, including Statistics. Use the menus to see how the videos are being viewed, or if there are areas of the videos with multiple views.
- Want to create a webcast, but keep it private until you are done editing? You can do this! Contact [lmshelp@mcw.edu](mailto:lmshelp@mcw.edu) for simple to follow instructions.

Panopto offers a series of [support videos](#) for the Windows and OSX operating systems. Take a look and let us know if you have questions.

### Brightspace

#### Brightspace Update Summary

1. When instructors evaluate assignments and new or updated feedback is published, email instant notifications are available for learners.
2. Instructors can now align learning outcomes to discussion topics, enabling them to map discussion topic activities to a learner's demonstration of learning outcomes in a discussion. By viewing the learning outcomes that align to discussion topics, learners can understand what they need to demonstrate in discussion topic activities.

3. Instructors can now assess discussion threads against learning outcomes aligned to a discussion topic. This allows instructors to easily assess learner progress against learning outcomes.
4. Users with the **See Rubrics** permission enabled can now create Quicklinks directly to Rubrics with the **Rubric is visible to Students** setting enabled. In addition, users with the **Manage Rubrics** permission enabled can also access **Manage Rubrics** at the bottom of the Quicklinks menu.
5. Instructors can now align learning outcomes to rubric criteria, enabling them to demonstrate how assessment criteria maps to a learner's demonstration of learning outcomes in an activity (quiz or assignment).

## Top Hat

Looking for fresh ways to create content for students? Consider using [Top Hat Assignments](#). This is a user-friendly way to personalize your content, offer students support with course concepts via questions and interactive elements.

Did you know that Top Hat and Brightspace are synchronized? This makes it convenient to keep students enrolled in the correct Top Hat course. This synchronization does extend to the grade book, for ease in ARS or homework grade calculation. Reach out to the LMS Team for more information on how to leverage this service.