



June 7, 2012

Ahmed El-Haggan
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Coppin State University
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Dear Ahmed El-Haggan,

It is with great excitement and pleasure that I'd like to inform you that Dionne Curbeam of the Coppin State University has been awarded a 2012 Blackboard Catalyst Award for Communication Strategies for the significant contributions made to the Blackboard Client Community.

The Communication Strategies Award recognizes those who use one or more Blackboard tools to support teaching and learning or campus engagement with innovative communications strategies. This is the first year Blackboard has created this category and you should be proud your institution is at the forefront of this exciting area of technology among all of Blackboard's clients.

Coppin State University has achieved the honored distinction of being among a select group of winners in the Blackboard Community to receive this award. This award program is designed to enhance the visibility of the innovation taking place at your institution and to recognize the efforts your staff are making that directly impact teaching and learning programs at yours and other institutions.

Dionne Curbeam will receive an award at our annual users' conference, Blackboard World 2012, which will take place on July 12, 2012, where this work will be highlighted at the conference awards luncheon.

The efforts made by Dionne Curbeam and team really do make a difference in enhancing the learning experience at your institution and for many other institutions across the globe. We certainly feel as though such achievements are deserving of special recognition, and as such I wanted to take time to personally extend my congratulations to you and Coppin State University for its leadership and excellence in the support of online teaching and learning.

Should you have any questions related to this project, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Henderson', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Ray Henderson
President, Academic Platforms and CTO
Blackboard Inc.