

## **Account Activities and Value of Conference Statement**

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During the BlackBoard World 2018 Conference in Orlando, Florida, between July 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, these are some of the sessions I attended:

- *The Top 10 Things You Didn't Know you Could in BlackBoard*
- *Power of Mobile Learning*
- *Creating Teachable Moments with SafeAssign*
- *3 General Sessions with Noted Keynote Speakers*
- *Inclusive Education Panel*
- *Right Technologies for Best Learning*
- *Creating Engaging and Interactive Online Courses*
- *Blackboard Ally –Making Course Content Accessible*
- *Accessible Course Design*
- *Faculty/Student Perception of Instructor Interaction*
- *Sparking Student Success*
- *Creative Content in Online Courses*

I also visited the vendor hub on several occasions, speaking with representatives about their products.

During these sessions, I picked up a great deal of valuable information about these topics, many of which can potentially be implemented at CCM. Further, I met many peers from the area and throughout the country that may prove to be invaluable resources. These resources not only concern how I teach my online courses but also my department (with whom I will share what I learned), but also CCM as a whole, as it pertains to accessibility, inclusivity, online content, instructor presence, BlackBoard product upgrades and peripheral software, as well as other areas.

I found every session valuable and unfortunately missed out on many that occurred at the same time as sessions I attended. Attending with three colleagues allowed us to attend as many sessions as possible and focus on those most relevant to CCM. It is recommended that CCM personnel attends this conference yearly.