

To the Dickinson College Community:

Introducing the new Gateway!

Dickinson College is preparing to move to a new generation of the Gateway portal. We are very excited that the new Gateway will be an integral part of the college Web site instead of a separate system. This will make it far easier for students, faculty and staff to navigate between secure portal content and public web content.

We will be switching over to the new Gateway at the end of September to avoid change at a time when many important activities are occurring for the start of the academic year. We want users to have a chance to get to know the new Gateway before the end of September; therefore, we are making the new Gateway available to everyone starting today, Wednesday, July 30.

When you go to the Dickinson Web site on or after July 30, you will have the option to log in to the traditional Gateway or the new Gateway. You may choose the traditional Gateway if you want to take time to log in to the new Gateway and get around. We think that you will find it easy to navigate.

There are some changes you will immediately notice. You can log in from any page on the Dickinson Web site. Once logged in, you will stay on that page. To get to the new Gateway pages, look at the bottom of the screen in the black footer. You should see your name. Next to your name will be an icon that looks like a stack of blocks. Click on it to see all of the applications that you are used to accessing through Gateway: Moodle, Banner Service, etc. You also will see an icon for the new Gateway.

When on the new Gateway portal page, the first thing that you will notice is that the old tabs are gone. These have been replaced with a menu that fits with the styling of other menus on the Web site. Here you will find access to pages for students, employees, alumni and others. Each page has been pared down from the traditional Gateway. Because the main Web site navigation and search are available through the new Gateway pages, we eliminated some of the clutter of large collections of links to public web content.

If you want sets of convenient links, we have those, too. Under the main menu, you will see a set of resources for various audiences. These take you to public pages on the Web site that contain shortcuts to many valuable resources and information targeted to that audience.

We hope that you will appreciate the possibilities that the new Gateway brings. We will be working throughout August and September to polish out any rough spots that may come to light before the big switch. If you encounter any difficulties while trying the new Gateway, please send a message to the Help Desk at helpdesk@dickinson.edu. They will see that it makes its way to someone who can help you.

You can learn more about the new Gateway at www.dickinson.edu/NewGatewayPreview

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