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Steven Ender
President
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Dear President Ender:

It is with great excitement and pleasure that we inform you that Szymon Machajewski of has been awarded a 2011 Blackboard Innovative Development Award for significant contributions to the Blackboard Developer Community.

Since 2001, Blackboard's open product architecture has allowed institutions including yours to extend, integrate, and customize their learning environments in ways that enable connecting to other campus systems and applications, customizations that meet discipline-specific or pedagogical needs, and innovations that add value to your existing investment in Blackboard technologies. Today, we know of over 350 plug-ins and extensions available for use with our products, and our developer community has grown to over 2,000 individuals from institutions worldwide. With EduGarage.com, our developer community web site, openness continues to be at the forefront of our product strategy.

Grand Rapids Community College has achieved the distinction of being among a select group of winners who have won the Innovative Development 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 your and other institutions.

As the recipient of this award, Szymon will receive a plaque at our annual users' conference, Blackboard World 2011, where this work will be highlighted at the conference awards luncheon, which will take place on July 14, 2011.

The efforts made by Szymon 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 Grand Rapids Community College 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,


Ray Henderson
President Blackboard Learn
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