



## Blackboard Catalyst Awards 2020

### Student Success:

This award recognizes individuals and/or institutions whose creative program application has led to increased retention, increased completion, and/or improved outcomes through the implementation of new academic and/or administrative resources, data analytics solutions, scalable advising and intervention strategies, student support programs, and more.



#### **King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia Deanship of e-learning and Distance Education**

King Abdulaziz University redesigned online courses and launched The Development of the Supportive Course Program to address issues surrounding their Foundational Year Program (FYP) after experiencing low student engagement and achievement. The redesigning of online courses consisted of extensive training to implement instructional design practices, monitoring of progress, and evaluation of the newly developed courses. The Development of the Supportive Course Program targeted issues related to FYP students' performance in science courses in both tracks. These improvement plans resulted in 80% student satisfaction rates with the new course versions and an increase in student interactions.

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