

## Faculty Email Message

Faculty Announcement:



### ReadSpeaker for [School Name]

In our continued work to improve student outcomes, we have added ReadSpeaker, text-to speech-technology, to the content area of our Blackboard LMS. The ReadSpeaker suite of text-to-speech solutions increases efficacy and extends the reach of online content by instantly creating an audio version of content in-line with the [Universal Design for Learning](#) concepts. Select the listen button on the Universal Design for Learning web page in the link and try it out for yourself!


By letting all of your students know about this tool, you may be able to:

- Improve course outcomes
- Increase retention and success
- Provide a bi-modal learning option

Students with reading and learning difficulties benefit, but a unique benefit of this easy-to-use, no-downloads-required tool is that busy multi-tasking students can listen to lengthy online content.

Let your students know about this exciting new technology and let us know what your students say about having the technology available! Here is a syllabus insert you for you to use:

### Syllabus Insert

- Take advantage of the ReadSpeaker Listen Button to enhance your understanding and comprehension of the materials posted. When you enable the button, the materials in our online classroom have a Listen Button for you to have the text highlighted and read for you. Listening to text read aloud is shown to improve your reading comprehension.
- Click the  to activate ReadSpeaker and position the button where you desire on the page.



### Links embedded in the text for a printed version:

Universal Design for Learning: <http://www.readspeaker.com/understanding-universal-design-learning/>

Bi-Modal Learning: <http://www.readspeaker.com/report-benefits-bimodal-content-presentation/>