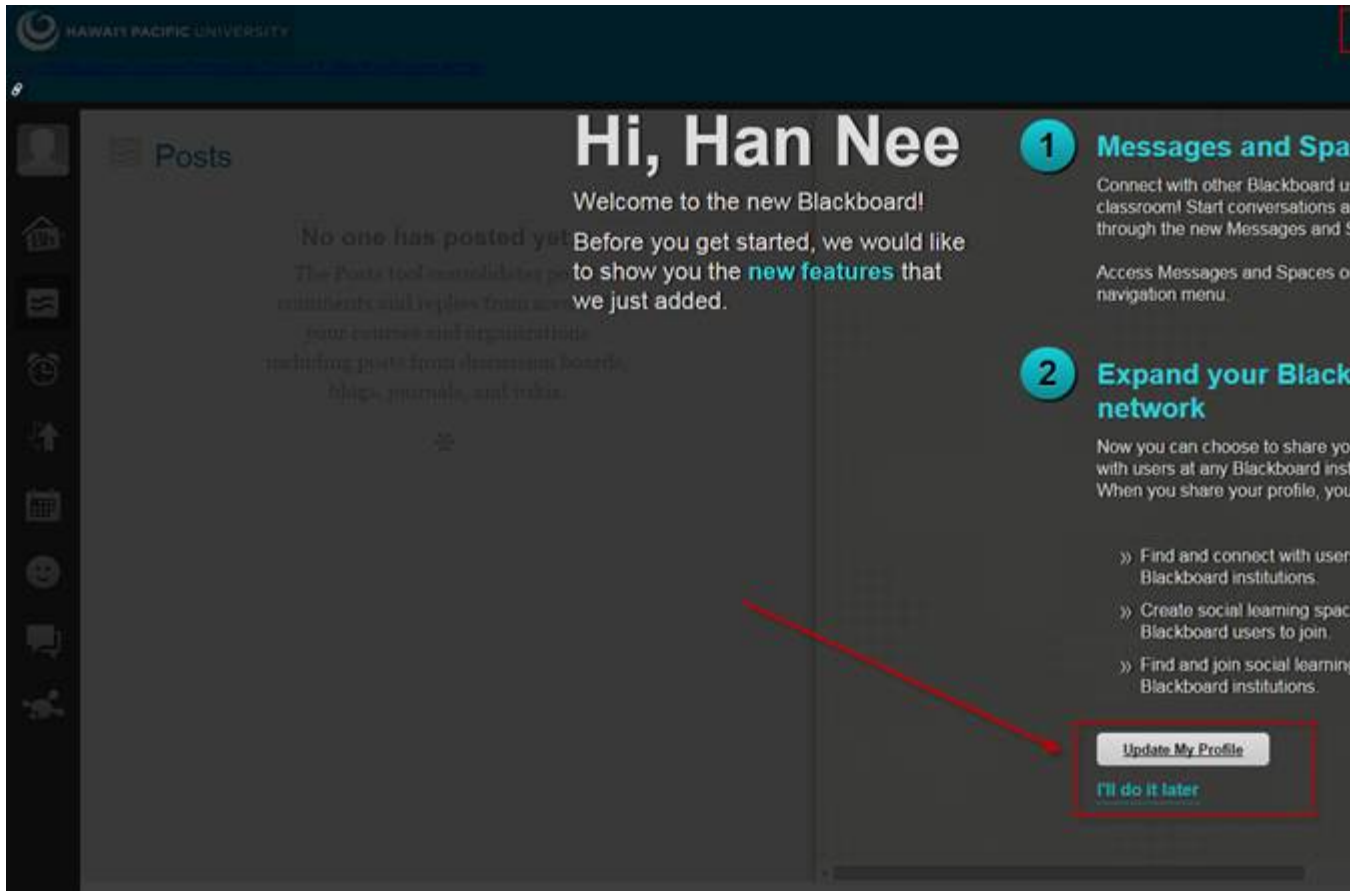Dear Students,

We are happy to announce a new application set available for Blackboard users, Global Navigation. The Global Navigation module broadens the reach of Bb beyond the immediate classroom for global resource access and communication. It can also be used to develop a more interactive learning community at all levels.

You will immediately see two changes to your current Bb menu. First you will be asked to create a brief online profile the first time you log in once the Global Navigation is activated. You don't need to do that immediately, click the "I'll do it later" prompt. You can chose to not create an online profile at all.   You should carefully consider how to create your online Bb profile, as it can be made available beyond your classes. Remember this is an academic/professional profile that in an online world could follow you forever.

Second other new tools will appear on your menu and are describe below in more detail. Importantly anyone can flag a profile and the flagging will notify an administrator who can remove the profile if warranted. Please see the instructional material below and the links to Bb tutorials.

When this **Global Navigation** function is activated in Blackboard, **all users (faculty and students) will get a notification when they next log in of the opportunity to create their profiles.** This profile is not the same as their user account as it is 'global' and is stored in the Blackboard cloud, not at HPU. This means that users can keep their profile though their academic and professional life and maintain the same profile. When prompted, users can choose to either update their profile then or at later time. This is what it looks like:

The Global Navigation gives users a personalized view of their Blackboard environment, and to be able to keep the same profile throughout their academic and professional career. **Once you or your student sets up your profile, that profile will be visible across all courses, and you will be able to see a brief bio about the students in your class – including what they have shared. E.g., their profile picture, their major. Again.** This is an academic/professional profile that in an online world could follow you forever.

Using **My Blackboard menu**, users can get an overview of five most recent activities relevant to them, review everything due in the calendar, view the latest posts in the last seven days in courses, organizations and spaces you follow, get a list of notifications/alerts (such as grades posted), and a direct link to Blackboard's help and tutorials.

My Blackboard Tools

Click a tool in the menu to access the page.

Tools		Description
		Bb Home: Gives you an overview of the items that are due and recently graded. Move your mouse pointer over *View* to reveal your grade. Bb Home displays the five most recent activities relevant to you. 📌 **Note**: If your institution has turned on messages, Bb Home shows a preview of your unread messages.
		Calendar: Review everything you have due and be reminded of when you need to complete it. To learn more, see Calendar.
		Posts: Displays the posts made in the last seven days in the courses and organizations you are enrolled in and follow. For example, you can see when a classmate submits a blog post in your course. 📌 **Note**: If your institution has turned on the people and spaces tools, the latest posts by the people and spaces you follow also appear.
		Updates: Review a list of notifications alerting you to important events and information. For example, you can see when an assignment has been graded. To learn more, see Updates.
		My Grades: View your grades for each assignment, test, or activity in all of your courses. Sort the grades by date or course. To learn more, see My Grades.
		Home
?		*Help*: Go to Behind the Blackboard for manuals, tutorials, and more.

When we activate the Blackboard Social Community, this means that all users (students and faculty) can use Blackboard as a social learning tool to create an online identity, find and connect with other users and engage in group and peer collaboration, both within the course, the institution and outside of the institution. E.g., a faculty can find, interact and share academic resources with faculty from other institutions and network with each other using 'spaces' – a virtual group that can be turned into professional learning communities.

My Blackboard Social Community

Identity and presence are an important part of participation in learning activities. With My Blackboard's social learning tools, you can create an online identity, find and connect with other users, and engage in group and peer collaboration.

Note: If you do not see any of these tools, your institution has not turned them on.

Tools	Description
	Profile: Enables you to define your personal identity to share with those in your academic network. After you upload your image, it replaces the empty profile icon. To learn more, see Profiles.
	People: Find and interact with peers, classmates, and instructors. To learn more, see People.
	Messages: Message users outside of the course environment. To learn more, see Messages.
	Spaces: Work and communicate collaboratively with others in your academic network. To learn more, see Spaces.

This Blackboard Learn page has a great overview and tutorials on Global Navigation and My Blackboard:

https://help.blackboard.com/en-us/Learn/9.1_SP_12_and_SP_13/Student/110_Nav_My_Blackboard