## Are You Ready?

## A Cross-Campus Approach to a Unified Student Online Readiness

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## Agenda

- Demo
- ❖ What is the "Are You Ready?" Tutorial
- Why is it needed?
- Unification of efforts
- Status at Hostos, BCC, Lehman & John Jay
- Next steps
- Questions?

### **DEMO**

## BLACKBOARD

### What is it?

- \* A Blackboard course that covers:
  - Online learning
  - Basic technology proficiency including Blackboard
  - Sources of campus support
  - Time management & tech literacy
  - Digital and web-based learning tools

### What is it?

- Developed for different learning preferences
- Lessons are a combination of text, video, and testing
- Students acquire a hands-on understanding of Blackboard course navigation and online test-taking in the process
- Universal design
- Levels of coverage/scaffolding through adaptive release

### What is it?

- Both an assessment of readiness for online learning and an introduction to online learning at CUNY
- Portal directing students and instructors to various online and campus resources = "Bringing the horse to water"
- A consensus of apparently disparate topics that are required for success in online learning

## Why is it needed?

- Ensure students are ready for online courses
- \* Tech literacy vs. tech consumer
- Growing online population/ growing institutional demand
- Standardize online programs by all using the same online readiness module (Digital CUNY)

## Influenced by

- Research from the Hostos Online Learning Assessment (HOLA) committee about student perceptions of online learning
- Readiness courses and assessments by of other colleges and organizations
- Existing online support for students and faculty at the different CUNY campuses
- Experiences from developers and instructors of hybrid and asynchronous, and web-enhanced courses at Hostos Community College

## **Participants**









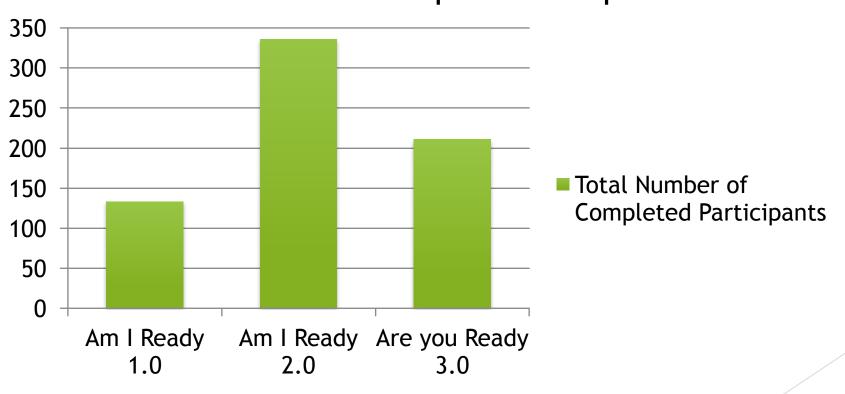
### **Unification of Efforts**

- Standardization
- Reduce duplication of efforts
- Campus-neutral application
- Increase access to experts and their knowledge
- \* Access to more data for continuous improvement

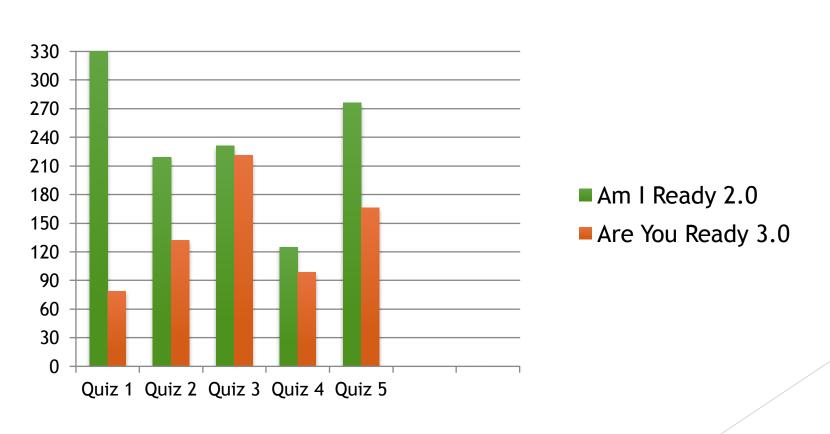
## Implementation at each Campus

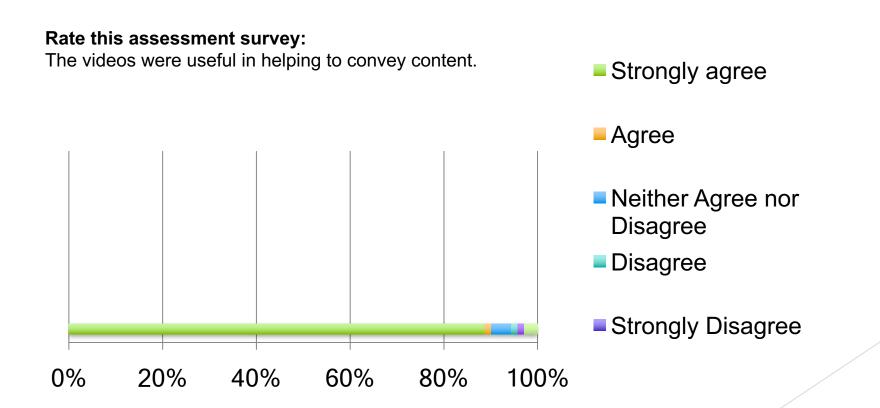
- Simple course copy from the master course
- Campus specific support information through modules
- Potential for cross-campus research

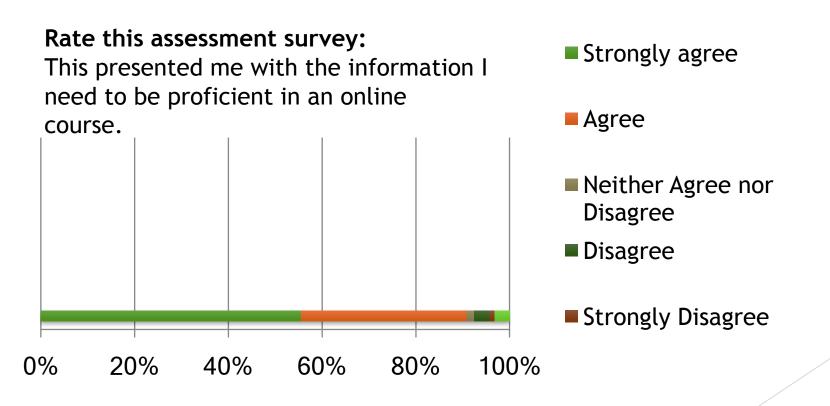
#### **Total Number of Completed Participants**



#### **Number of Students Who Retook Quizzes**







- \* Faculty participation and enforcement critical.
- Instructions on how the assessment works needs to be constantly reinforced.
- Student who retook quizzes admit they "rushed," or "didn't pay attention."

## **Next Steps**

- Assessment at each campus
- Cross-campus research study
- Reach out to additional CUNY campuses
- Continued improvements to the tool- both content and technology

## **Questions?**

# Want to use "Are You Ready?" at your campus?

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