Building Inclusivity into Online Courses: The Player Card Activity

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One of the most challenging aspects of creating an engaged online classroom environment is finding ways to promote social interaction and foster a sense of proximity or closeness at the beginning of the course. This is especially difficult with large online classes. In an effort to include all students in personalizing the online classroom space, we have developed a step-by-step instruction sheet that enables faculty and students to create personalized "Player Cards", which includes introductory information (headshot, hometown, major, sport of choice, etc.). Additionally, we have created a brief faculty instruction sheet that guides in developing the interactive Class Roster Homepage. Both the Player Card instruction sheet, and the Class Roster Homepage instruction sheet (for the instructor) will be available.