

Photo Directory

Summary:

The GRCC Photo Directory building block integrates student and staff photo images into the Blackboard Learning System. In this instance the images come from the Blackboard Transactional system. Faculty are able to view the faces of students and their enrollments in order to familiarize themselves with the academic level of individuals and make the first class more personal. Employees are able to view student pictures and pictures of other employees for identification purposes and gaining further familiarity with the human environment. Advanced features have been employed to provide custom class layouts, gallery views (Firefox PicLens), and high resolution displays.

Snapshots:

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Blackboard Academic Suite - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar displays the URL: http://bb3.grcc.edu/bin/common/control_panel.pl?course_id=_73043_1. The page header includes the Grand Rapids Community College logo and "Blackboard 8 Pilot" branding, along with navigation links for Home, Help, and Logout. A secondary navigation bar contains buttons for My Bb, Courses, Community (selected), RaiderCard, Groupwise, Student Email, Library, Scholar, Student Center, Help, and Admi. The main content area is titled "LRTS (LRTS.GRP) > CONTROL PANEL > PHOTO ROSTER" and features a toolbar with options: Save, Reset, Two Rows, Two Columns, Reload, Full Screen, and Firefox Plugin. The photo roster is displayed in a 2x5 grid of portrait photos, each with a caption below it:

 Stevenson, Julienne	 Machajewski, Szymon	 Kwant, Klaas	 Kunnen, Eric	 Mcneal, Willi
 Warblow, Ryan	 Flynn, Erich	 Jones, Justin	 Ingersoll, Patricia	 Anderson, David

The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Done" and "Tor Disabled".

Blackboard Academic Suite - Mozilla Firefox

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Klawitter, Michael

Larson, Kristen

Kunnen, Eric

Machajewski, Szymon

Melkonyan, Elina

Mcneal, Willi

Meinders, Kurt

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http://bb3.grcc.edu/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab_id=_2_1&url=%2fweba

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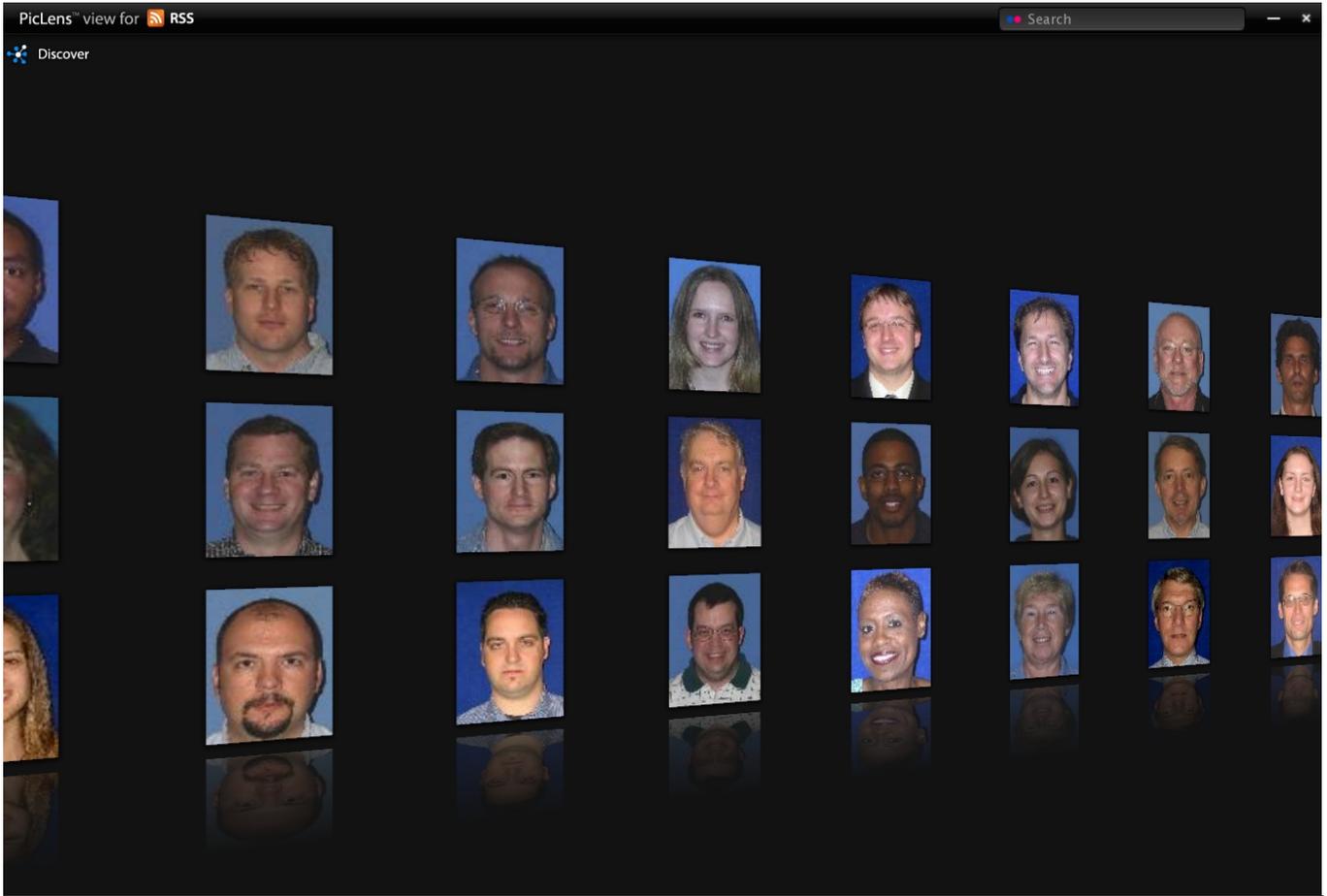
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Send Email from Blackboard

Done Tor Disabled

The image shows two screenshots of the Blackboard Academic Suite interface in a Mozilla Firefox browser. The top screenshot displays a 'Community' page with a grid of user profile cards. Each card contains a small portrait photo and the user's name: Michael Klawitter, Kristen Larson, Eric Kunnen, Szymon Machajewski, Elina Melkonyan, Willi Mcneal, and Kurt Meinders. The bottom screenshot shows a detailed view of a user profile, featuring a larger portrait photo of a man with glasses. A 'Send Email from Blackboard' button is overlaid on the bottom right of the photo. The browser's address bar and navigation buttons are visible in both screenshots.



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People Directory Search

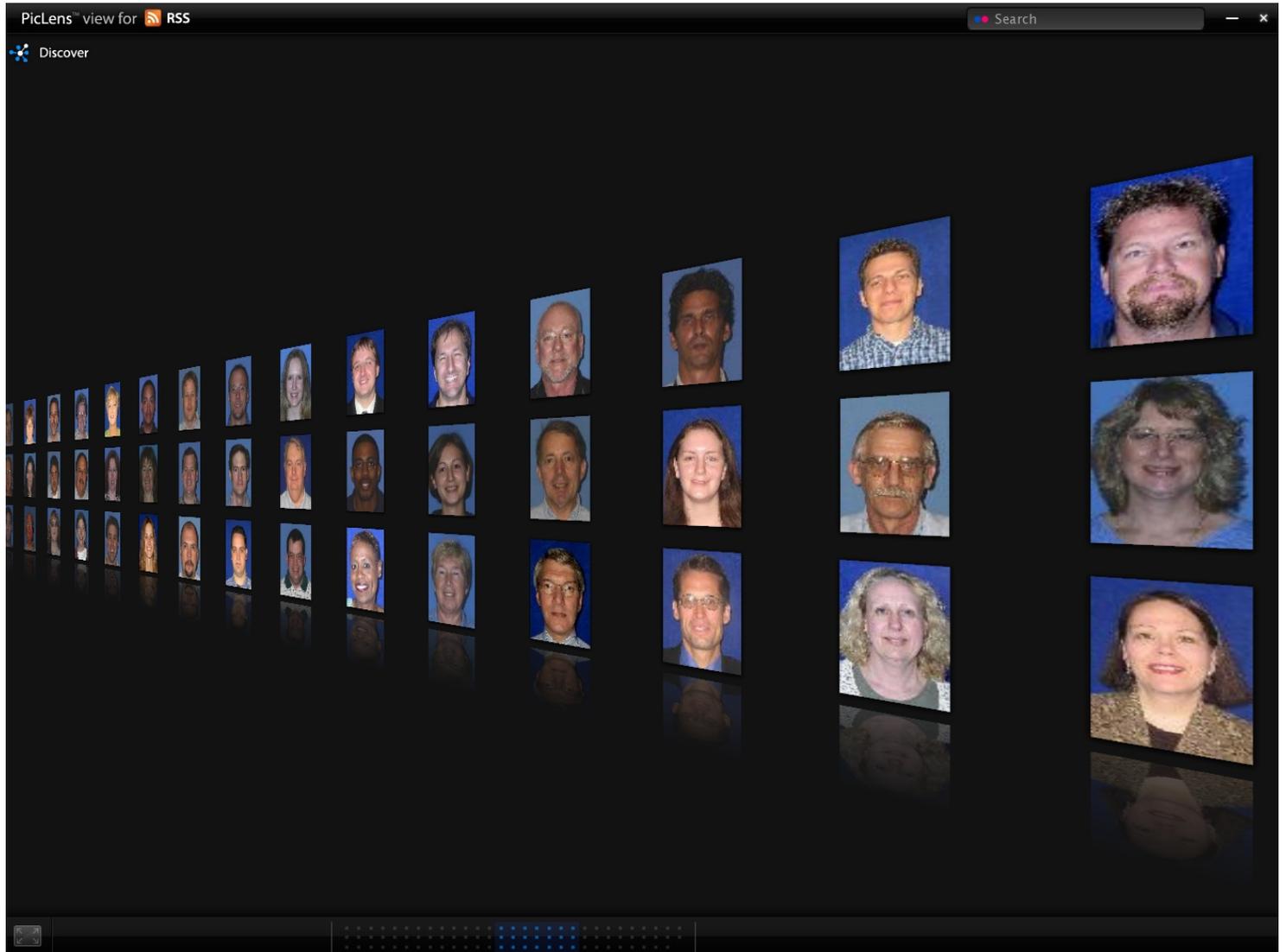
People Directory

ID number:	<input type="text"/>
Last Name:	<input type="text"/>
First Name:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>	

PicLens™ view for RSS Search

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The image shows a grid of 15 portrait photographs of individuals, arranged in three rows and five columns. The background is dark. The photo in the top row, fourth column from the left, is highlighted with a white border, indicating it is the selected item in the search results.



Functionality:

Faculty click on a Student Photo Roster link in the course control panel . The roster can be rearranged into columns or rows automatically. Each picture can be dragged and placed into specific location. Layouts can be saved. Animated transitions arrange pictures on the page. Full screen display of the class map is possible to mitigate Blackboard Portal frame default. When Firefox PicLens plugin is enabled on the browser a blue arrow on the picture allows to activate the PicLens gallery display. 3D aggregation of the pictures allows for more seamless review of the pictures. A name can be clicked in the roster display or inside of the PicLens interface to display details of the student. Additional tabs for enrollments and personal details are also available. The details include an email address, first and last name, employee title if present, and a few additional pieces of information. Links to course statistics, group email, and other key course areas are present.

Employees can utilize a portal module to search the Photo Directory by using first name, last name, or employee number. If multiple results are found they are displayed in a similar way as the course roster. Further detail is available about each result found including large scale image, enrollment details, and some personal details.