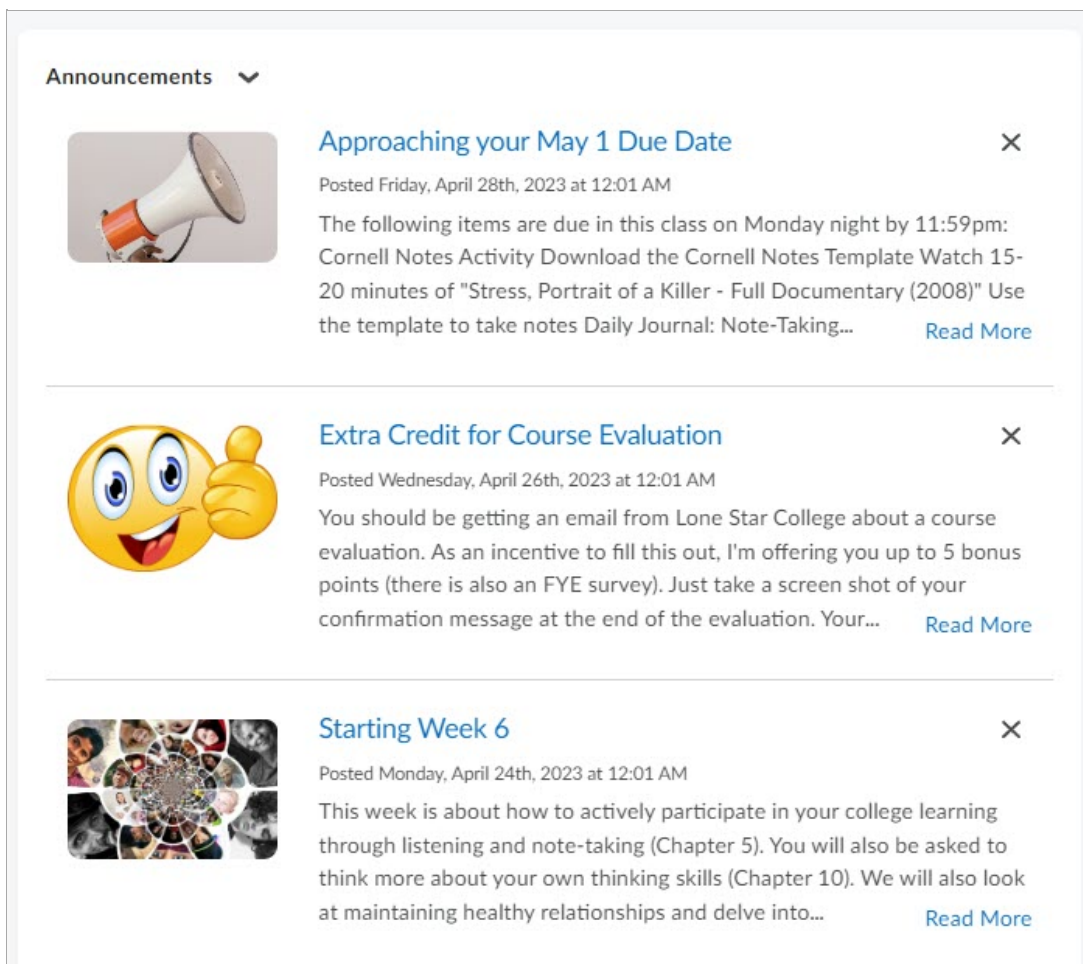


# Slim Announcements

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**NOTE:** The **Slim Announcements** widget is located in the following Homepage Layouts: [Course Home 05a](https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/course-homepage-layouts#course-home-05a) (https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/course-homepage-layouts#course-home-05a), [Course Home 05b](https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/course-homepage-layouts#course-home-05b) (https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/course-homepage-layouts#course-home-05b)

The **Slim Announcements** widget is a condensed version of the regular announcements widget in D2L. It is designed to take up less space on the course homepage while still allowing students to see the most relevant announcements at a glance. When utilizing this widget, students will have the ability to expand the announcements widget to see them in further detail when needed, and conveniently minimize the announcements when they are not needed. Example below:



The screenshot displays a 'Slim Announcements' widget with a dropdown arrow next to the title 'Announcements'. It contains three announcement cards, each with a thumbnail image, a title, a post date and time, a truncated message, and a 'Read More' link. Each card also has a close button (X) in the top right corner.

- Announcement 1:** Title: "Approaching your May 1 Due Date". Posted Friday, April 28th, 2023 at 12:01 AM. Message: "The following items are due in this class on Monday night by 11:59pm: Cornell Notes Activity Download the Cornell Notes Template Watch 15-20 minutes of 'Stress, Portrait of a Killer - Full Documentary (2008)' Use the template to take notes Daily Journal: Note-Taking..."
- Announcement 2:** Title: "Extra Credit for Course Evaluation". Posted Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 at 12:01 AM. Message: "You should be getting an email from Lone Star College about a course evaluation. As an incentive to fill this out, I'm offering you up to 5 bonus points (there is also an FYE survey). Just take a screen shot of your confirmation message at the end of the evaluation. Your..."
- Announcement 3:** Title: "Starting Week 6". Posted Monday, April 24th, 2023 at 12:01 AM. Message: "This week is about how to actively participate in your college learning through listening and note-taking (Chapter 5). You will also be asked to think more about your own thinking skills (Chapter 10). We will also look at maintaining healthy relationships and delve into..."

The slim version of the widget displays only the title of the most recent announcements, along with the date and time it was posted. Students can click on the title to expand the announcement and read the full message, see any attachments, and view any comments or discussions related to the announcement.

Instructors can customize the slim announcements widget by adjusting the display settings, such as the **number of announcements to show** and the **date range**. They can also choose to display the widget in a **list** or a **grid** format.

Using the slim announcements widget can be a great way to keep students informed of important course updates without overwhelming them with too much information on the homepage. It allows for quick scanning and easy access to full announcements as needed.

Please refer to [Use the Announcements Tool \(https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/use-announcements-tool\)](https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/use-announcements-tool) for information on how to create Announcements in D2L.