Extensive work is in progress campus-wide to address issues related to e-mail and electronic communication. This undertaking is based on the following information:

- Outdated and inadequate e-mail system and processes currently in place
- Difficulty with collaboration as a result of
    - Having no standard e-mail client
    - No central place in which to store files which can be shared among authorized users and available from various locations
- Multiple usernames and passwords to remember
- Limited use of shared calendars

Goal: Establish the technical framework on which we can begin to build and integrated, secure, mobile, collaborative, and customizable learning environment.

Solution: **Nazareth's Portal Project**

What Is A Portal, Anyway?
A portal is a single point of entry through which each of us can access the college computer systems. Because it is web-based, it is accessible from anywhere there is open Internet access, including on campus, off campus, at school, work and home. This is an internal tool for the Nazareth community and serves a different function than the Nazareth Website.

A Brief History:
In spring 2006, a Portal Task Force selected Academus 2.0 following a comprehensive process of research, evaluation and demonstrations. The following factors were central in the decision making process: a hosted e-mail solution, integration with Nazareth's existing Datatel systems, single-sign-on capability with e-mail and NazNet, a central repository for file storage, customization, expandable to meet future needs, vendor support of the product, client references, and cost.

There will continue to be ample opportunity for community-wide involvement and discussion. Look for much more in the coming months to include

Zimbra E-Mail
Pilot Groups
Focus Groups
Project Updates
Demonstrations
Sub-Committees
Training

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