Today’s Learning Objectives

- Create welcoming online course home pages through the use of dynamic images and interactive news tools. (QM Standards 1.1, 1.2, 5.1, and 5.2)

- Manage group work in online courses that fosters the development of communication skills and positive group interactions for students. (QM 5.1, 5.2, and 5.4)

- Participate in an interactive discussion to exchange ideas about student engagement techniques in the online learning environment
Creating Welcoming Home Pages

Warm by design

- A picture equals...
- **Color** it interesting
- **Link** ‘em up
- Homepage tours

*You are your home*page*
Adding Value for your Students

- Let them hear your feedback
- Keep it fresh
  - News should be new
  - Using Twitter...yes Twitter!

*Interactive = active*
Let Students Know...

- Managing Expectations
  - Email delay response
  - Grading turnaround time
  - Discussion protocols
  - Netiquette
  - Service learning activities
  - Group activities
Group Projects

- **Group communication rules**
  - DIY tools for group work

- **Peer evaluations**
  - Constructive feedback
Let’s share!