

I'm delighted to introduce a wonderful new tool for advisors--B-lite.

Thanks to the vision and knowledge of Carol DeJong in the Registrar's Office and Carl Heideman in C.I.T. and the programming skills of Chris Gould, Chris McDowell, Cheryl Shea, and Kris Witkowski in C.I.T, advisors will have easy access to important information about our advisees.

What's available on B-lite for advisors? a list of the students for whom we are the primary advisor; ID photo; academic information (gpa, test scores, list of transfer and AP credits, etc.); admissions essay; merit scholarships (and terms for renewal); academic standing; involvement in extra-curricular activities and varsity and junior varsity sports; midterm and final grades; schedules

What about KnowHopePlus? We'll still use KnowHopePlus to find our class lists and teaching schedules; to submit midterm and final grades; to run degree evaluations for our advisees.

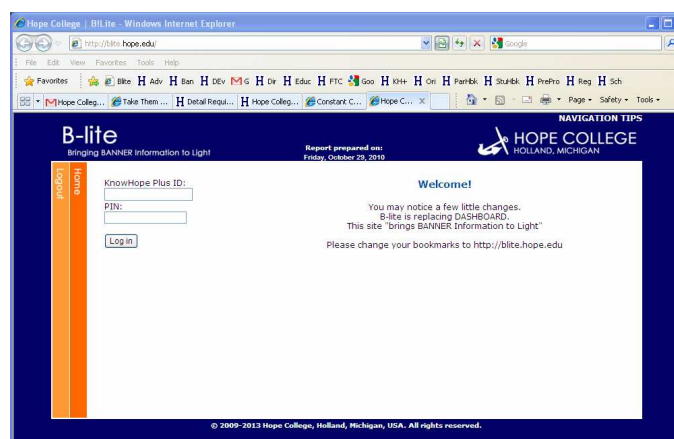
What's so special about B-lite? B-lite brings together in one place information from KnowHopePlus and information not available on KnowHopePlus (like midterm grades; merit scholarships; probation status; activities). And B-lite can sort, so we can easily learn which advisees are enrolled in a particular class; or see who had midterm or final grades of D or F. We can also attach documents to our advisees' B-lite record, and post notes there. B-lite and KnowHopePlus free us to work with our advisees and connect them with resources so they can make the most of their time at Hope, rather than spend time on clerical issues. And think of the trees that have been saved!

No more advising folders? That's correct--when students declare their major or change advisors, you'll get an e-mail notification, and B-lite will be updated electronically. If you want to keep the folders for your advisees, that's fine (I know many of us keep notes there). If not, please shred the material (it's confidential), or return the folders to the Registrar's Office, and we'll shred.

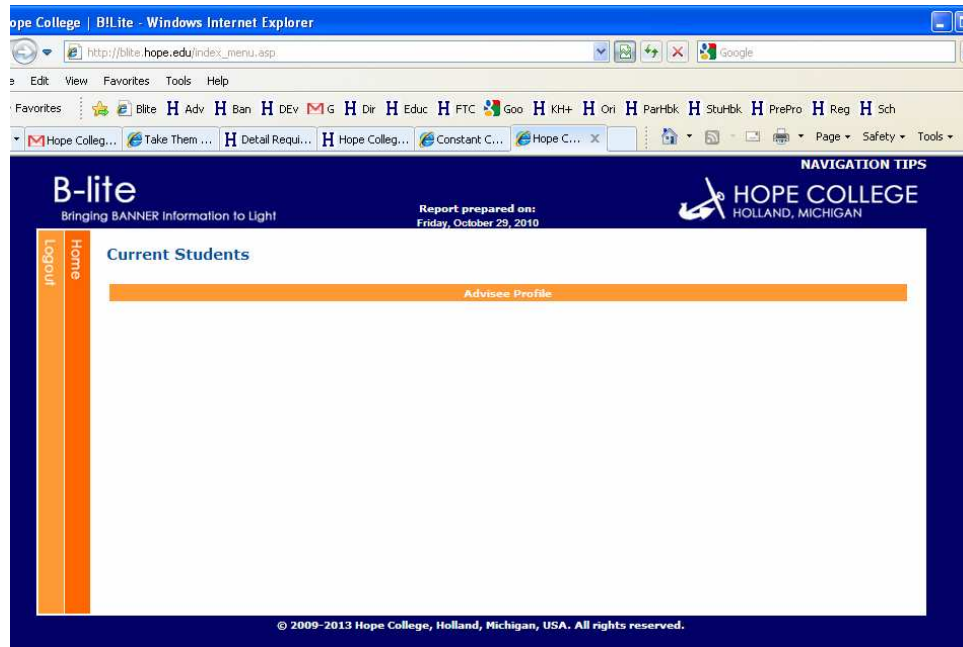
Confidentiality issues. All information on B-lite is confidential and should not be shared. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, passed by Congress in 1974) gives college students full access and control over their educational record, including all information and notes stored in B-lite. A student's record should not be discussed with family members unless the student has signed a formal release in the Registrar's Office. Information should be disclosed to faculty and staff on a need-to-know basis only. Our goal is to protect the confidentiality of the student, not to erect roadblocks. If you have questions, please contact the Registrar's Office.

OK--where did you get that name? B-lite brings Banner (our academic information system) to light.

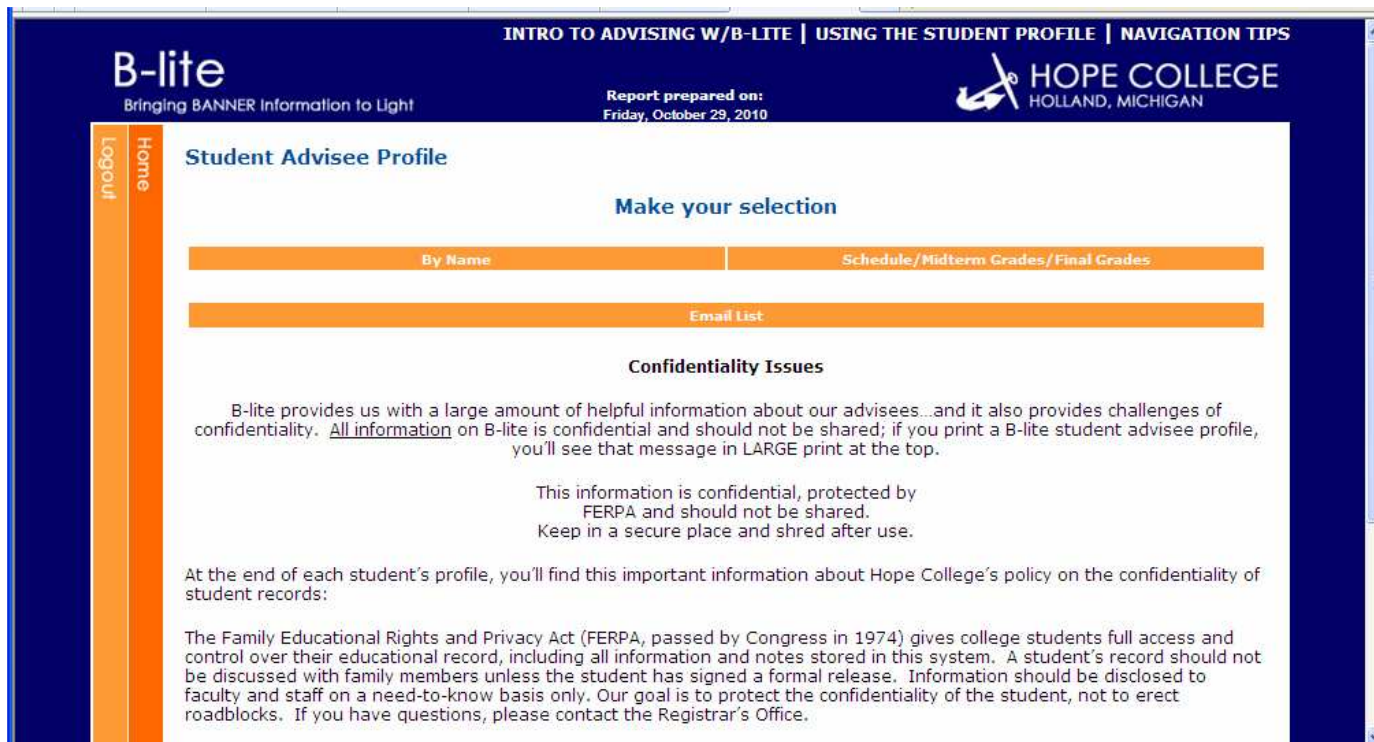
Where can I find B-lite? Go to <http://blite.hope.edu>. Log in, using your KnowHopePlus (ID) and PIN.



Click on: ADVISEE PROFILE



You can either simply explore (one of many wonderful things about B-lite is that navigation is quite intuitive) or you can click on the help in the top right corner of the screen. [INTRO TO ADVISING W/B-LITE | USING THE STUDENT PROFILE |](#)



Can I get some help with B-lite? Sure. I've met with the FYS faculty to introduce B-lite. I've also had two workshops for all faculty about using B-lite effectively. I'm happy to come to department meetings. You can also phone the Registrar's Office--x7760 with questions.

I have some questions or suggestions. Great--send them to me. Be aware, however, that B-lite has taken a tremendous amount of time to envision and create--what may seem to us to be a simple thing to implement may not be to those who deal with programming...and security.

Thanks for the work you do and the help you give your advisees.

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