

This document is to assist course participants who have not yet signed onto Nsite and need help getting to know how to use this tool.

You will receive an email invitation to your Nsite online course discussion community. You must accept the invitation link to join the community and view the discussions.

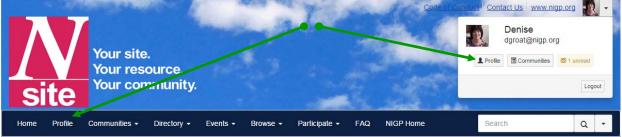
Get onto Nsite:

Once you have accepted the initial request to join, you can go to nsite.nigp.org or select the Nsite link located at the top left of course at www.nigp.org/elearning to return to Nsite at any time.

Complete Your Profile

Locate the menu bar at the top. Select **PROFILE** or the **Profile** link in the top right hand corner of the

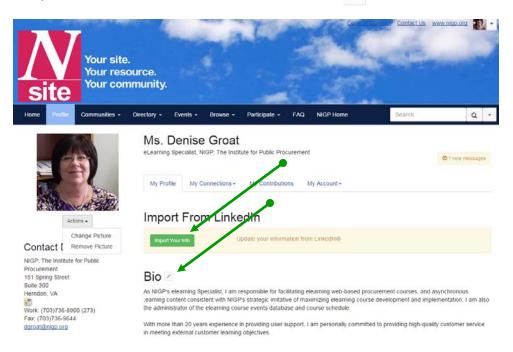
page drop down option.



• Begin by adding your picture (Select the action drop down option **below the vacant picture area Change Picture.** Select the area where the photo is located and choose the file. Center your photo by dragging the clear square around your photo so it fits and select **SAVE.**



- Next, add something about yourself in the BIO section.



• Complete the Education and Job History sections by using the and/or the edit icon.



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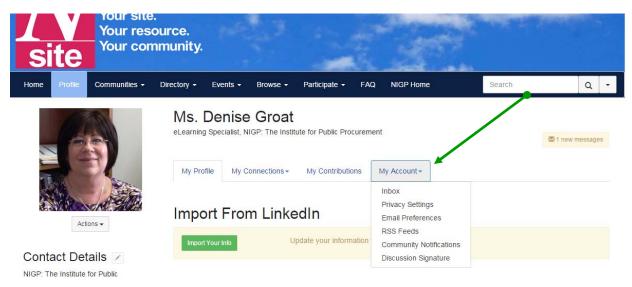
Review the pre-loaded contact information that appears under your photo. If a correction is necessary, contact NIGP's customer care if you need to make changes to your job or address.





Customize Your Privacy Settings

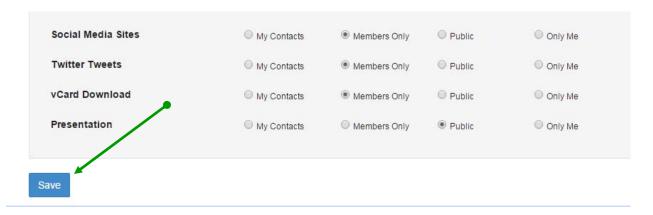
Under the My Account sub tab on the drop-down menu, select Privacy Settings.



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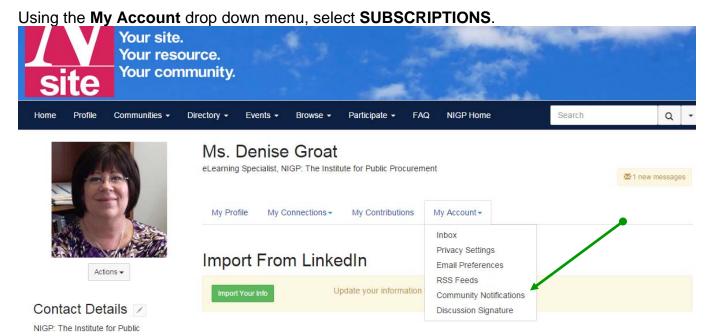
Your profile may be accessed through the member directory and community rosters. You have control over the information others see on your profile.

I would like to be included in the member directory and community rosters: Picture Only Me My Contacts Members Only Public **Mutual Contacts** My Contacts Public Only Me Members Only My Communities My Contacts Only Me Members Only My Networks O Public My Contacts Members Only Only Me **Company Information** My Contacts Public Only Me Members Only Job Title and Department My Contacts Members Only O Public Only Me **Address Lines** My Contacts Members Only Public Only Me City, State, Zip My Contacts O Public Only Me Members Only Country My Contacts Only Me Members Only Public Website URL My Contacts Members Only Public Only Me Phone1 My Contacts Members Only O Public Only Me Phone2 My Contacts Members Only Public Only Me Phone3 My Contacts Members Only Public Only Me Phone4 O Public My Contacts Members Only Only Me **Email Address** My Contacts Members Only Public Only Me Contact me options My Contacts Members Only O Public Only Me **Current Client Activities** O Public My Contacts Only Me Members Only Bio Only Me My Contacts Members Only Public

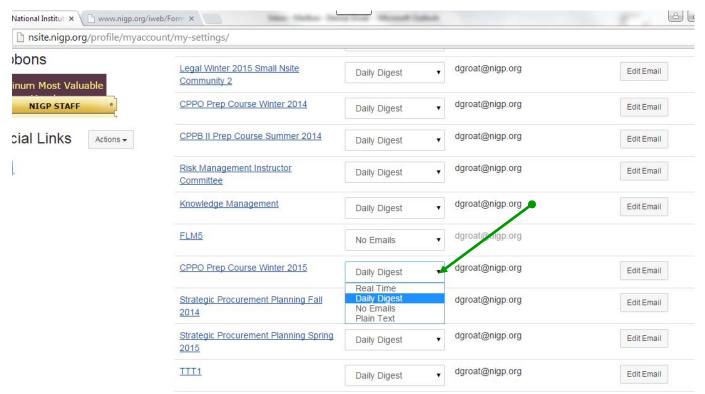


Here, you will set your contact preferences and control how you appear to others. You will need to select **Members Only** under **My Communities** to be able to participate and collaborate within your online course. After setting your preferences be sure to click **SAVE** at the bottom of the page.

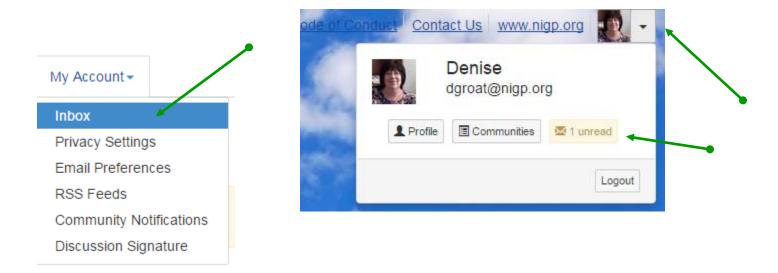
Customize Your Community Notifications



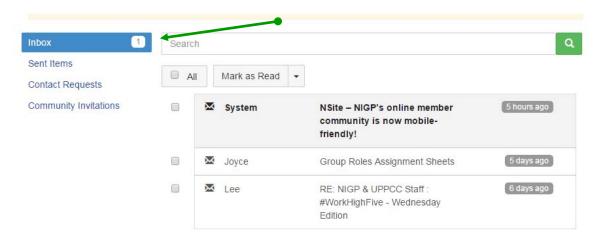
Here, you will set your preferences for how you wish to be notified of discussions and other activity in your Nsite communities.



You can choose to be notified in Real Time, by Daily Digest, in Plain Text format, or you can choose to receive No Email notification at all. Setting your community notification to No Email requires logging in to Nsite to view all your community activity.



To check if you have any email notifications, select the drop down arrow next to your profile photo or select "My Account" and then select Inbox.



View your Community Group(s)

Participating in Interactive Online Courses means that you will be in at least one group. The main group is the name of the course and the timeframe in which you took the course in (IE Summer 2015). This is the group where you will interact with your instructor, engage in course discussion, and turn in course assignments. Some courses also have alternative groups where group work can be conducted among you and other course participants. To view what groups you are in, select the "Communities" tab then navigate to "My Communities"



Here you will view a list of all the communities to which you belong.

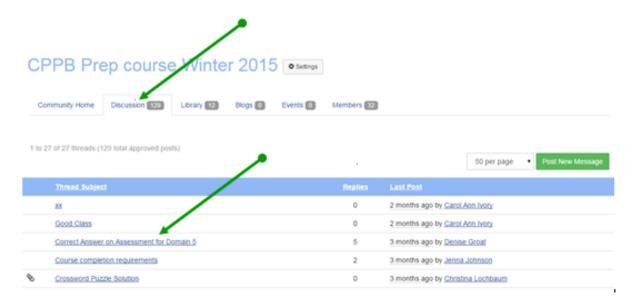
You can also get to your community groups by selecting the Communities link just under your profile.



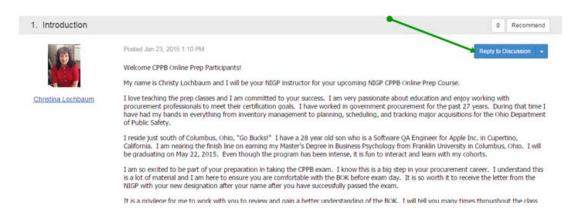
When you enter your desired course community, you will be placed in the Recent Activity area of the community. Here, you will see the latest discussions, view any announcements, see upcoming events and the most recent documents posted to the community library area.

How to Reply to a Discussion

Select the Discussions sub tab and view any discussions that have already taken place.



Introduce yourself in the instructor's introductory thread by selecting **Reply to Discussion** on the right.

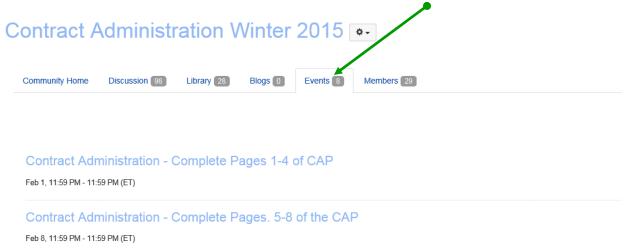


* This is the preferred method of responding to a post; this keeps all related entries of a discussion thread in one area and is easier to follow.

Do not select **Post A Message** or **Reply to Sender** to respond to an on-going current discussion. Selecting **Post a Message** will initiate a new Discussion Thread and selecting **Reply to Sender** will send the message only to the author via email and does not post on Nsite. There are appropriate times to use these options, but not in response to an ongoing discussion thread.

The Events tab

The Events tab is an important feature of the course. Here, you will find information and due dates of course assignments and activities.



The Events area also has a search feature if you want to search for specific assignments or events.

By selecting one of the links in Events, you will find more detailed information about the assignment.

If you use Microsoft Outlook, you can add any/all Nsite events to your calendar by selecting the Download to your calendar link at the bottom left of each event.

