



## Newsletter

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### Hello Mustang Faculty,

During this COVID-19 break in our traditional classroom environments, Norco Online offers weekly newsletters designed to quickly highlight the news, resources and tips for you in this online transition.

### GOOD NEWS!

Though this is *not new*, the news is you are all amazing. It's always nice to type, to say and to hear from time to time.

**Thank you**, dear faculty and staff for working **firelessly** to make your courses Accessible to our students over the past few weeks. Only 6% of course taught have work to do. Simply amazing! Today is the deadline to make 100% of our courses Accessible using the tools provided in Canvas. We can do it!

**Thank you**, A-Team for supporting faculty. Who is B.A. Baracus in this lovely community? Mr. T. was my childhood idol.

**Thank you**, Accessibility mentors for supporting your colleagues in this massive undertaking.

**Thank you**, Deans and Chairs for leading, communicating, and working behind the scenes to make this machine move so smoothly.

**Thank you**, to the dynamic duo of Dr. Lee and Dr. Green for inspiring us with your lives, leadership, reports and loads of data. You know how to keep our fingers typing!

### ABCs of Online Education

Without further ado, we bring to you the next installment of the P, Q, Rs of online education.

**Persistence** is vital for online students, teachers, assessors, designers, mentors and more. If there were a marathon in education, it would be online education. As you have been experiencing this semester, online education is week by week, module by module, day by day. In order to ensure access, equity and success, make sure you remind students and yourselves a vital African adage: **Little by little makes a bundle.**

**Quality Control** is essential to keep in mind as the semester progresses. Instructors are the front line in this process. Building quality online courses requires an eye for any areas of improvement. Ask yourself questions and experience your course from the students' points of view. Some questions to include in your weekly maintenance include:

- How can I clarify my communication?
- How often do I contact students by announcements, office hours, Pronto, Zoom or Canvas Inbox?
- Does my content have accessible materials and working hyperlinks?
- How does my content presentation and sequencing impact students?
- Do assignments allow students adequate time to ensure success?

**Rejuvenation** is mandatory for every online educator. Make sure you have the space and the time to reconsider your own health. In order to persist and ensure quality online presentation of materials, you need to have a clear mind and an invigorated spirit. Consider things that make you smile. Incorporate exercise, sunlight and fresh air. Let your online educational experience inspire your pursuit of offline encounters with family, friends and neighbors.

May you find **Persistence, Quality Control** and **Rejuvenation** in the closing weeks of Spring 2020.

Happy May! Enjoy the beautiful Spring weather safely with loved ones.

In Solidarity,

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