



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.

FLIPPING THE SCRIPT THIS WEEK...KEEPING IT FRESH!

Tools, tips or links to know:

S – Substantive contact - What does this really mean?

Substantive contact with students and delivery of course content includes instructor interaction with the entire group of students in the course section based on a well-defined schedule of availability, deadlines, feedback, and exchanges that are included in the instructor's Syllabus.

Means of achieving "substantive contact" include, but are not limited to:

- Follow-up questions on a **discussion board** to assist students in reaching a higher learning potential.
- Personalized feedback on **assignments, discussions and/or quizzes (through comments in the Canvas gradebook, on discussion forum rubrics, or in Turnitin comments)**, that guide students to further knowledge and skills.
- Course materials (ex. recorded webinars, videos, and reading materials) which facilitate synchronous or asynchronous interactions and require the student to contact the instructor or participate in an online discussion moderated by the instructor.
- Instructor announcements to the class regarding course content and upcoming assignments.
- Synchronous online meetings and chats that further explore course material and answer student questions.

Want more information? Go here to the RCCD Guide to Best Practices to Achieve Regular and Substantive Contact in Distance Education

https://www.rccd.edu/admin/ed_services/de/Documents/RCCD%20Guide%20to%20Regular-Substantive%20Contact.final.pdf

T – Turnitin – Use Turnitin to support your grading, to check for plagiarism, and to help students learn about writing with integrity. Have students upload assignments into Turnitin right inside of Canvas, especially research papers or documents that require

citing sources. It will save you significant time tracking down sources and will help your students learn how to produce original assignments that aren't plagiarized, to investigate authorship, and submit assignments that won't compromise Norco College's integrity. Go here for more information on the program

<https://www.turnitin.com/divisions/higher-education>.

U – Unicorns – The definition from Merriam Webster is that they are...

Something unusual, rare, or unique (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/unicorn>)

We all know that **Teaching in the Time of COVID** requires something extra from educators. Can you be that unusual, rare and unique teacher that goes the extra mile, finds the extra smile, and reaches as many students as you can.



NOW is the TIME to BE a UNICORN for YOUR STUDENTS

BREAKING NEWS!

California Community Colleges TechConnect <http://www.ccctechconnect.org/>

CCC TechConnect projects serve the 115 California Community Colleges, are funded by a grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, and are hosted at Palomar College. They HOST...



ConferZoom

3 UPCOMING EVENTS OR THINGS TO KNOW

1. Learn the Basics of TechConnect Zoom (ConferZoom)

WEBINAR

Date: Friday, May 15th

Time: 12 noon

Learn the basics of using TechConnect Zoom (ConferZoom), from scheduling your meetings to sharing your recordings with others.

Join us for this **webinar**, 45 minutes of useful information with time at the end to answer your questions.

Register today to reserve a seat, and receive links to the recording afterwards to share with your colleagues.

[Register Now](#)

2. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Action Required before May 30, 2020

[Please begin updating all your clients/Zoom applications to Zoom 5.0 now.](#) After May 30, 2020, all Zoom clients on older versions will receive a forced upgrade message and be required to upgrade before being allowed to host or join meetings.

Update now: <https://zoom.us/download>



3. FREE CONFERENCE ...

Register Here and get more information <https://onlineteachingconference.org/>

June 17-19, 2020

via CCC TechConnect, virtual event only

Agenda

[View the conference session descriptions and schedule](#)

Registration

Singular registration will allow entry in to all OTC'20 conference sessions! Register now and watch our website for access details coming soon (or opt-in during registration to receive direct notices).

Take care of yourselves,

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This edition by Sarah Burnett – hope you enjoyed it and it made you smile