

DISTANCE ED CONNECTIONS

A NEWSLETTER FOR CCCC'S DISTANCE STUDENTS

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DE NEWS—SUMMER 2008

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SEEKING QUALITY CANDIDATES

Wanted: Hardworking, Independent students. Willing to work days and evenings. Must have a reliable computer with high speed Internet, and a desire to achieve their dreams online.

CCCC NEWS AND BEYOND

- ◆ **After 21 years at CCCC** (four of them serving as President), Dr. Matthew Garrett will be retiring on Sept. 1. The College will interview six candidates from June 3-11. See bios on the candidates at www.cccc.edu.
- ◆ **CCCC recently honored its Employees of the Year.** Two of the winners have direct ties to the distance education program at CCCC. Administrator of the Year was retiring Institutional Effectiveness Director, Marcia Bellamy. Mrs. Bellamy was one of the original leaders who created distance education at CCCC in 1997, serving as the program's first director. Instructor of the Year was Jessica Brown, who teaches biology online each spring and fall semester.



Thinking about a career in human resources? Good news! The human resources program is now offered 100% via distance education! Expect to invest time in a variety of learning methods. Online courses include written assignments, interaction with classmates via the discussion board, and even some group projects. Hybrid courses in HR Management mix together classroom and online learning. Many course include online instruction but also have face-to-face components offering classmates the chance to meet each other, present oral projects, and even listen to guest speakers.

As the Lead Instructor for Human Resources and Operations Management, George Clayton also serves as the academic advisor for students in the HR Management program at CCCC. With almost 30 years experience in human resources management, consulting, and strategic planning, Clayton helps to prepare students for entry-level jobs in human resources or to find university transfer options after obtaining CCCC's Human Resources Management Associate Degree. Clayton said the reason he teaches online is to reach "a wider student audience," as the HR Management program includes a diverse student population reaching from the North Carolina mountains to the coast. With a goal of helping students to start successful careers, Clayton said success in online coursework comes to students who "start fast" at the beginning of the semester and who "submit assignments on time every week." With coursework in the Human Resources Management degree including recruitment and selection, business law, training and development, and people skills, Clayton encourages questions and proclaims his main goal as helping his "students to be successful!"

EARLY COLLEGE ONLINE SUCCESS

First-year student, Shakeel Harris, enjoys the flexibility of distance learning

As a freshman in Lee Early College (LEC) during the 2007-2008 school year, Shakeel Harris began his first of five years with LEC with a targeted goal. More commonly known as Shak, he stated, "Once I finish LEC, I plan on attending Duke University and majoring in Biology or Applied Sciences. I would then like to go to medical school and possibly specialize in pediatrics." During his first year, he took on a real challenge for a freshman in high school. With advice from his school counselor, he pushed himself and took the online version of Introduction to Sociology (SOC 210). Shak enjoyed the distance course because he said he "had the ability to complete assignments on [his] own time." The course was offered in a mini-mester 8-week format, and Shak admitted that he was pressed by the "rigorous schedule of assignments that the mini-mester consisted of..." However, he "liked that the course dealt with real-world issues and that it focused on ways to mend these problems." In the end, Shak's beginning to college level coursework was successful, as he maintains a high GPA. A Sanford native, Shak is the youngest of five siblings and enjoys "listening to music, going to church, being active, and helping others." Surely, Shak is on the way to be an example of student success within the Early College system.



NOTHING BUT SMILES :-)

Meet Lydia Farmer, the new CCCC Distance Education Coordinator

As a CCCC alumna, Lydia Farmer is nothing but smiles about being on the Distance Education Staff at her alma mater. "I always knew I really loved the environment here at the college. With my distance learning background, I jumped at the opportunity to join the DE department..." As the Vocational/Technical Distance Education Coordinator, Lydia said that her daily "primary objective is to make sure faculty and students have a smooth and enjoyable distance education experience. Sometimes this can involve trouble shooting technical problems, and sometimes it means learning new technology to add into Blackboard courses."



After graduating from CCCC in 2004, Lydia earned a bachelor's degree in 2006 from North Carolina State University in Public and Interpersonal Communications. She then went to work as an academic counselor for two years at the University of Phoenix. Reflecting on her work experience, she said "although the University of Phoenix helped submerge me in the student perspective, I have greatly enjoyed my time here at CCCC so far learning the different obstacles and adventures that faculty face day to day in their online classrooms." Lydia comes to CCCC with enthusiasm and truly cares about helping to maintain a successful online teaching and learning environment. As she continues to learn about her role with distance education, she hopes to be involved with innovative programs in online learning. "One example is that I am looking forward to working more with pod-casting so I can share what I learn with faculty. Hopefully by the fall semester, you will begin to see more pod-casting in Blackboard courses." Lydia welcomes faculty members and students to call or e-mail with questions. She can be reached at lfarmer@ccc.edu or by calling (919) 718-7349.

DE CALENDAR & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Midterms

Distance Education
Midterms—Refer to
Individual Course Syllabi

July 4

Independence Day Holiday—
College Closed

July 7

Last Day to Withdraw
Without a "WF" (8-week)

July 17

Last Day to Withdraw
Without a "WF" (10-week)

Finals

Refer to Individual Course
Syllabi

July 21

Last Day of Class (8-week)

July 21-August 1, 2008

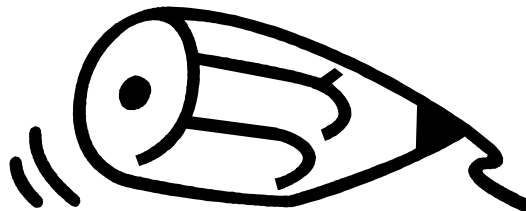
Student Advisement and Early
Registration for Fall; Students
should make an appointment
with their advisor to complete
the early registration process.

August 4

Last Day of Class (10-week)

August 21

First Day of Fall 2008 courses



MORE NEWS & HEADLINES

◆ CCCC'S DISTANCE COURSE OFFERINGS TO EXPAND:

This fall 2008 the following new online courses will be offered: BIO 111 General Biology I, CHM 130 General Organic and Biochemistry, and HIS 223 African-American History II. ENG 111/111A is now offered as a hybrid course with a mixture of on-site and online meetings.



◆ Discover myCCCC! In summer 2008, the myCCCC student webpage was released for students to gain easy access to Blackboard and Cougar Mail. In Fall 2008, we hope to have a new look to the myCCCC page. This webpage is designed for students to access Blackboard and Cougar Mail with ease. In the coming semester, we hope the page becomes engaging for students, including announcements about registration, advising, student activities, and more!

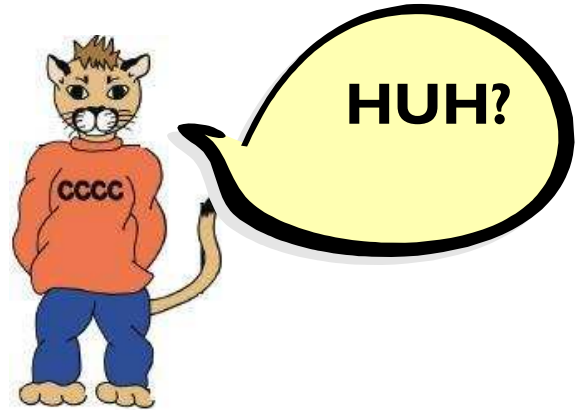
DISTANCE EDUCATION CRYPTOGRAM

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Find the hidden message in the cryptogram above!

Visit the Discussion Board in the College Resources 101 course on Blackboard, and be the first to post the answer for a chance to win a prize!



DISTANCE EDUCATION CONTACTS

If contacting CCCC is not a local call, and you live in the state of North Carolina, use the toll-free number: 1-800-682-8353. The last four digits of the numbers below also serve as the extensions for the toll-free number.

Lee Campus: (919) 775-5401 Chatham Campus: (919) 542-6495

Harnett Campus: (910) 893-9101

Advising & Registration

Students seeking a CCCC degree, diploma, or certificate: Contact your faculty advisor
 Non-degree seeking students: Contact DE Counselor at 919-718-7511

Cougar Mail Issues

E-mail: studenthelpdesk@ccc.edu

Phone: (919) 718-7397

Tuition/Billing

(919) 718-7391

Financial Aid

(919) 718-7415