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CCCC News

- ◆ **The CCCC Quality Enhancement Plan:** QEP is a plan that creates a path for student learning improvement and enhances the lives of our students during the next five years and beyond. Visit <http://www.cccc.edu/qep/> to find out what's happening with the QEP today!
- ◆ **The CCCC IT Helpdesk** is available to assist with your technical support questions about Blackboard, NetMail, and the Portal **24/7** by calling 1-866-834-6894!
- ◆ **Academic Integrity:** The College Resources course on your Blackboard account now features a section on academic integrity and how to check your papers for plagiarism with the Turnitin.com website. Check it out today!

DISTANCE ED CONNECTIONS

A NEWSLETTER FOR CCCC'S DISTANCE STUDENTS

WWW.CCCC.EDU/DE.HTML

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A DISTANCE STUDENT'S STORY

Heather Vernier is a mother, wife, and full-time distance education student with CCCC—but not just any student. With all of her responsibilities, she manages to be a model distance learner, as she carries a 3.83 GPA in the Library and Information Technology program. A native of Michigan, Heather served in the US Airforce from 1998-2003, which included four months in Saudi Arabia supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. She now lives in Cameron, North Carolina with her husband and four children. Her husband, Roger, left in January 2007 for one year of army service in Afghanistan. However, while he is away, Heather still manages to work while enrolled full-time at CCCC.



Heather with her son, Jamie, husband, Roger, daughters Kaira, RaeAnne, and Madison Vernier as they pose for their Christmas 2006 family photo.

Heather holds a three-star license, as well as the early childhood cre-

denial for her family child care home which she operates part-time. She appreciates the convenience of distance courses at CCCC. "It gives me flexibility to take full-time DE courses and be where I need to be for my children whenever I need to be there....I can go to school in my pajamas at midnight...if I am in a time-crunch, I can attend for half an hour and come back later," Heather stated. She believes it takes a certain type of person to be successful as a full-time distance education student. "I have the maturity, dedication, and resources to make it work" she said. She knows that her pursuit of a degree also sets an example for her children, as she feels this degree will provide her opportunity to spend the rest of her life in a career that she loves. Heather embraces the way online courses enable her to meet other students, and she says that distance education is "fulfilling the dream" of her educational goals.

What's Your Story? Visit the *College Resources* course on your Bb account and share your story in the discussion board!

DISTANCE LEARNING SUCCESS TIPS!



ASK FOR HELP! Your instructor won't know if you are confused or frustrated unless you tell him/her.

ALLOW A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME FOR INSTRUCTORS TO RESPOND to email. Most will try to get back to you as quickly as possible or at least within 48 hours. Make sure to save their names, email addresses, and phone numbers as a hard copy in case of a technology failure at your home!

READ ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS and access the links that your instructor posts.

APPLY CRITICAL THINKING AND DECISION MAKING IN YOUR DISCUSSION BOARD POSTINGS. Rather than restating facts, you should make decisions based on information you have gathered and processed.

BE FOCUSED, ORGANIZED, PATIENT, AND DETERMINED.

GET TO KNOW OTHER STUDENTS in your class through discussions, chat, email, etc. Relationships with your online peers can help support and encourage you throughout the course.

HAVE FUN! Find topics in the course that are personally meaningful or applicable to your future plans.

Source: Utah Valley State College Distance Education; <http://www.uvsc.edu/disted/>

“Students need to know about the past because it affects our future....”

MEET DR. ANTHONY HARRINGTON
DISTANCE EDUCATION HISTORY INSTRUCTOR

As an instructor of online western civilization and American history, Dr. Harrington chooses to teach distance courses because they give non-traditional students a chance to learn. He remembers when he first heard of distance education in 1996, he was skeptical: “I told this guy from Wilson Tech, it would never work.” Eleven years later, Dr. Harrington uses a multitude of strategies in his courses to help distance students learn and even has 100-level students learn to complete a research project. He has three simple tips that aid success in distance courses: 1.) Read the material carefully; 2.) Don’t wait until the last-minute to take tests or turn in assignments; and 3.) Budget your time by not overburdening yourself with too many courses. A 2000 Ed.D. graduate from North Carolina State, Dr. Harrington also graduated from CCCC when it was Central Carolina Technical Institute in 1977 with a degree in Radio Television Broadcasting. He was a disc jockey for 30 years. However, he says his eventual desire to teach rooted from knowledge that “history does repeat itself, and it can prevent the same mistakes from happening again.” This led him to becoming an instructor, and he now proclaims, “I have seen the light...and distance education does work....and CCCC is one of the pioneers leading the way.”



DE CALENDAR & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

May 21, 2007 Open Registration (9:00am-7:00pm)	Midterms Refer to your course syllabus	July 18, 2007 Last Day of Class for 8-week
May 22, 2007 Distance Education Start Date/Login to Blackboard/ Orientations (4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm) Lee Campus	June 8, 2007 Last Day to Apply to Graduate in August	July 30, 2007 Graduation Practice (1:00pm or 5:30pm at the Civic Center)
May 25, 2007 Last Day to Register, Drop/Add, and Make Contact with Instructor	June 8, 2007 Last Day to Pay Graduation Fees to Graduate in August	August 1, 2007 Last Day of Class for 10-week
May 29, 2007 Last Date to Withdraw for a 75% Refund	July 16, 2007 Last Day to w/d without a “WF”	August 3, 2007 Last Day to Pay Fall Fees Before Registration Day-8:00pm
	July 23-August 3, 2007 Student Advisement & Early Registration for Fall	For up-to-date information about Fall registration, visit the CCCC DE website.
	Finals Refer to your course syllabus	

NEW DEGREES OFFERED VIA DE

Beginning in Fall 2007, two new degrees are now offered totally via distance education:

Associate of Science (University Transfer) and Human Resources Management

Your degree choice not offered totally distance? E-mail DE Counselor, Brian Merritt, at bmerritt@ccc.edu, to find out what percentage is offered via distance education at CCCC.

Guess what!?
If you can log into
CCCC’s
Blackboard, then
you’re enrolled in the

COLLEGE
RESOURCES
COURSE!

CHECK IT OUT ON
YOUR BLACKBOARD
ACCOUNT TODAY!

Now Featuring:

- ◆ Information on how to be a successful distance education student
- ◆ Technology tips for distance learning
- ◆ Discussion boards about distance learning at CCCC and more!
- ◆ E-lingo for distance learners and tips on how to use emoticons :-)

DISTANCE
EDUCATION
AFTER CCCC

Are you....

- A Library Science major?*
- A Community Journalism student?*
- Interested in public relations?*

Earn your
Bachelor of Science in
Communications online

East Carolina University

Visit the website for the
ECU School of
Communication to find out
more information.

www.ecu.edu

DISTANCE EDUCATION WORD SEARCH

TERMS TO FIND:

C	D	F	G	S	R	J	L	B	D	E	X	Q	U	O	P	Q	A	H	M
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- BLACKBOARD
- CASSETTE COURSE
- COLLEGE RESOURCES
- FINANCIAL AID
- FIREFOX
- FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY
- HYBRID
- MIDTERM EXAM
- MINIMESTER
- NETMAIL
- PASSWORD
- SEARCH ENGINE
- SMARTHINKING
- STUDENT PORTAL



WIN COOL STUFF! DISTANCE ED. WEBSITE TRIVIA

Visit the *College Resources* course on your Blackboard account, and post your answers on the discussion board! The first five individuals who log in and post the correct answers will win cool CCCC prizes!

1. In what year did CCCC offer its first distance education course?
2. Who should you call if you want to find out “how to get started” with Franklin University?
3. What phone number do you call for 24/7 technical support for Blackboard?
4. What is the toll-free phone number & extension to call and order your text books from CCCC?

