



DISTANCE ED CONNECTIONS

A NEWSLETTER FOR CCCC'S DISTANCE STUDENTS

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DE News—Spring 2008

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CCCC NEWS AND BEYOND

- ◆ **CURRENT STUDENTS: SUMMER/FALL '08 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**
Students enrolled in courses at CCCC during Spring 2008 should contact their advisor to make an appointment for the Student Advisement and Early Registration period, **April 1-11!**
- ◆ **STUDENT ACTIVITY DAYS:**
Make plans to attend Activity Day on the campus closest to you!
Chatham: April 14
Lee: April 15
Harnett: April 16
Watch the website for specific times on each campus!
- ◆ **GRADUATION APPLICATIONS:**
Ready to graduate with a certificate, diploma, or degree? Visit the CCCC Student Services webpage to find the Graduation Application. Applications must be submitted to the Registrar's Office by **MARCH 10** to participate in commencement ceremonies! Questions? 919-718-7201.
- ◆ **REMEMBER!**
Last day to withdraw without a "WF" on your transcript is April 8, 2008.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT ONLINE

Resume workshop and job searching resources available through the College Resources 101 course on Blackboard in February and March

On March 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the CCCC Career Services Office is hosting employers to recruit students at the Civic Center on the Lee County campus. Students are invited to dress professionally, bring their resumes, and complete job applications with the organizations in attendance. But the question is, with the Job Fair less than a month away, and graduation around the corner,

Are you ready to stand out and get that perfect job?

All students are invited to log into Blackboard and access the College Resources 101 course to review career development information and prepare for the Job Fair. Advice on resume-writing, job-hunting, etiquette tips, and more are included in the course so students can brush up



on their interview skills before speaking with potential employers. Also, remember that the Career Services Office is open Monday through Friday on the Lee Campus to help students with career advice. Questions about Career Development? Contact Gina Del Vecchio at 919-718-7396.

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE CAREER CENTER?

Participate in the **ONLINE RESUME WORKSHOP**

February 13-March 7

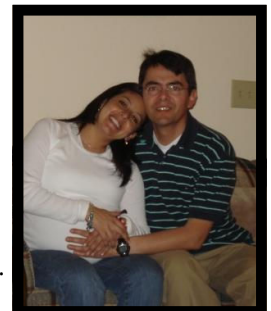
Visit the discussion board on the College Resources 101 course in Blackboard to post your resume, get it reviewed, and also offer advice to other students!

DISTANCE DETERMINES THE DIFFERENCE

CCCC student Pedro Anzola, an 8th grade middle grades mathematics teacher, uses online courses to satisfy lateral entry requirements

Like many students, Pedro Anzola cannot attend courses during the regular school day. His job as an 8th grade math teacher with East Lee Middle School in Sanford keeps him pretty busy. A native of Columbia, South America, Pedro taught math for 20 years in his home country. Pedro's wife, Angelica, was accepted to a teacher-exchange program, and they left Columbia for Sanford, where she is an ESL teacher with J. Glenn Edwards Elementary School. Pedro soon began as an instructional assistant for the ESL program, but then passed the Praxis II exam to receive his current job. Now he takes online courses with CCCC to help him meet North Carolina's lateral entry requirements.

He admits that it took him time to adjust to online learning. "It's the first time I've ever taken a course online so I was pretty disoriented in the beginning, but then found it quite friendly." Born in Bogota, the capital city of Columbia, he says that some "people consider it a very dangerous place, but I love it and will certainly visit it as often as possible...we have big malls and fabulous restaurants there. The people are also awesome." In his spare time, he and his wife visit malls, larger cities, and occasionally travel to other states. Most thrilling of all, Pedro and Angelica had their first child on January 28. Catalina was born a healthy baby girl at 19.75 inches and weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces.



CUBBY THE DE COUGAR!

Who is Cubby the Cougar? Well, anytime you see Cubby, you should automatically think, "He's got the answers I need when it comes to distance education at CCCC!" You may often wonder to yourself, "Who am I really talking with on that discussion board in ENG 111 online?" Or, "Where do I find the course listings for Fall 2008?" It's easy...Just look for Cubby. He travels the globe daily straight through your computer screen and has all the answers you need!

TAKE A LOOK AT THESE STATISTICS THAT CUBBY'S COLLECTED:

- ◆ STUDENTS FROM 61 OF THE 100 COUNTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA TAKE ONLINE COURSES AT CCCC!
- ◆ A MAJORITY OF CCCC'S ONLINE STUDENTS COME FROM LEE, HARNETT, AND CHATHAM COUNTIES. HOWEVER, CCCC ALSO SERVES OVER 300 ONLINE STUDENTS IN WAKE, CUMBERLAND, MOORE, ORANGE, JOHNSTON, DURHAM, GUILFORD, AND ALAMANCE COUNTIES!
- ◆ DISTANCE EDUCATION BEGAN AT CCCC IN 1997 WITH 4 TELE-COURSES. NOW, IT HOSTS OVER 130 COURSES ONLINE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR!



- ◆ IN SPRING 2008, 77% OF DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS ARE WOMEN!
- ◆ THE MOST POPULAR PROGRAM FOR AN ONLINE STUDENT AT CCCC IS THE UNIVERSITY TRANSFER DEGREE. OVER 300 TRANSFER STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED IN AT LEAST ONE ONLINE COURSE. OTHER TOP DEGREES THAT ONLINE STUDENTS SEEK ARE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, ACCOUNTING, AND LIBRARY & INFORMATION
- ◆ CCCC SERVES ALMOST 1,600 STUDENTS VIA ONLINE COURSES IN THE SPRING 2008 SEMESTER!

DE CALENDAR & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

February 25

Distance Education On-Campus Midterm Exams (online exam dates vary)

March 3

Midterm Point

March 10

Last day to apply for spring graduation

April 1-11

Spring Advisement and Registration for Summer and Fall semesters

April 14

Chatham Campus Activity Day

April 15

Lee Campus Activity Day

April 16

Harnett Campus Activity Day

April 28

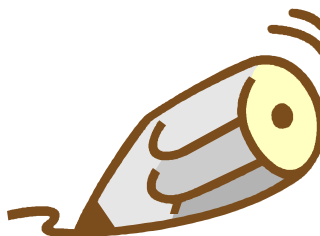
Graduation Practice, 1:00pm or 5:30pm at the Civic Center

May 5

Last Day of Classes

May 12

Final Grades Mailed to Students



CHANGES ARE COMING IN SUMMER 2008!

Look for specifics about the Summer 2008 to be officially announced later this semester. However, for now, here's a preview of what to expect:

- ◆ **Say Goodbye to the Student Portal!**
On the CCCC website, there will be a new link to the "MY CCCC" webpage. This page will host separate links to Blackboard and to student e-mail accounts.
- ◆ **Username & E-mail Addresses will change!**
Students will need to know their Student ID Numbers (not the SS#) to log into their Blackboard and Student e-mail accounts beginning May 22. Student usernames and e-mail addresses will use a different convention. The Student ID# Number is nine-digits and can be found on the student registration statement. It can also be retrieved by stopping by the Student Development Office on any of the three main campuses.
- ◆ **No more "Double Log-in"**
With the elimination of the Portal, students will not have to log into