



## Newsletter

May 24th, 2020

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.

### BREAKING NEWS!

Do you know students with acute basic needs insecurities? Such as food insecurity, a lack of access to healthcare, or wellbeing support, childcare needs, or housing. Please watch this FREE WEBINAR for advice and support.

The current research on underserved students in community colleges identifies acute basic needs insecurities as persistent barriers that threaten their health, wellbeing, and likelihood of success. In this webinar, the presenters will highlight patterns of acute basic needs insecurities that emerged from data collected via the Community College Success Measure and focus groups with community college students.

Practitioner experts will discuss promising practices for serving students with basic needs insecurities with a particular focus on the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Webinar Facilitators



**Dr. J. Luke Wood**



**Dr. Kindred Murillo**



**Dr. Frank Harris III**



**Dr. Tina King**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=TbsSipGXFRc>

Please also explore the Norco College BASIC NEEDS Website with an amazing list of college **and** community resources available to your students. There's also a 'How To' link section that can connect students to answer such as 'How to get a \$500 emergency grant to stay in school.

Here's the link to learn more and possibly get involved in supporting this extremely important need on our campus.

<https://www.norcocollege.edu/services/studentLife/Pages/bn.aspx>

### Tools, tips or links to know

For this week we're tackling the last letters in the English language alphabet, Y and Z.

**Y – You – Yes YOU NORCO COLLEGE FACULTY.** This semester you have travelled down a road, I would hazard to guess, along which you have discovered more about yourself as an educator than in any other semester. You've reaffirmed how much you like to stand to teach, to move your body, and get immediate feedback as you make jokes or say something intended to relax your class.

You have spent hours modifying your own approach to teaching. You've stretched and molded your pedagogy into a different format than usual, and explored options in andragogy you might never have considered. You have been more flexible and compassionate than in any other semester, and you've done it for the love of our profession.

Beyond the creating of "instant" on-line classes, we all know that you have done so much more than this. **YOU** have been there for your students every day, and sometimes it has truly been all day and most of the night...and the next day, and night...**YOU** have provided them support, guidance, and ultimately an anchor on which they could stabilize themselves in a world of attending COLLEGE during the CHAOS of COVID. Don't underestimate how important **YOU** being on the other end of a Zoom meeting, one of the hundred or so emails and announcements you sent, or the images you found just to make them smile. Without **YOU**, many of our students might be in a very different place today.

There's a saying about earning stripes and many google images align this with a tiger...but not us...

This is a Mustang known as a Kiger...check out the back legs...



**FACULTY, OH FACULTY,  
THIS SEMESTER YOU'VE EARNED  
YOUR STRIPES**

Want to learn more about Kigers? Watch this...  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZTfcOjaUK4>

**Z – Zenith** – I doff my hat to each and every one of you for the true dedication you have shown to rise above, to reach the peak of resiliency in teaching, to have continued on, regardless of how insurmountable the summit seemed. And though we may not be celestial bodies (Webster definition of Zenith) we sure are close to our culminating point (alternative definition). Rejoice that the end of the semester is closing in on us, and take time to congratulate yourself for making it through, for getting students through, and knowing that because of you there will be graduates that also wear their own set of earned stripes.



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