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Announcements

- Final Grades are due Thursday, May 28th. Please let Kenyetta and Jen know if you have any concerns.
- The Reading and Writing Tutoring is looking for a few more tutors to start in the fall. Please send student names and emails to Roxann Schmidt at rschmidt@dvc.edu. Ideal candidates are those who have shown strong interpersonal and writing skills, even while online.
- Math and Science Tutoring is looking for tutors as well, especially in the area of Biology. Please send the names of qualified candidates to Anhoa Pham at apham@dvc.edu.
- Send a message on Graduation Day to our students congratulating them on their success! Use the hashtag #DVCgrad2020
  - If you have your own Instagram or Twitter account: Please post your messages of congratulations to our graduates from your own account. Don’t forget to use the hashtag so we can find your post and bring it onto the DVC webpage.
  - If you have your own Facebook account: Please post your messages of congratulations as a “comment” to the Graduation post on the DVC Facebook account. Don’t forget to use the hashtag on your post, and we will be able to find it and include it on our graduation webpage also.
  - If you don’t have a Twitter, Instagram or Facebook account of your own: Don’t worry. We will post your message for you! Please submit a graduation social media request form by 9 a.m. on May 22. (Please submit as many posts as you would like, but only one post per form.)

See the email from Chrisanne Knox, sent on Thursday, May 14th at 9:21 pm for example wording and more details about what will happen on Graduation Day, Friday, May 22nd.
What's New on the SRC Website

- The DVC website has a new Basic Needs page https://www.dvc.edu/basic-needs/
  - This page provides extensive information for students regarding food resources both at SRC and PHC, mental health resources and services and housing.
  - There is also newly released information on the emergency grants available to eligible students who have been economically impacted by Covid-19.
- In addition, there is a basic needs advisory group page for college employees who wish to donate to the basic needs fund and allows you the ability to choose where you would like your donation to go. https://www.dvc.edu/faculty-staff/basic-needs-advisory.html
- Chat feature “We Are Here!” for students to use if they have questions. Michele McCabe and Ann Uawithya are monitoring and responding to communication from students using this feature.
- Resources for Students during the Campus Closure link is on the main SRC webpage

Taking Care of Ourselves

- Don’t forget about the SRC Virtual Support Network that is available for you to post how you are doing and support your colleagues as they do the same. We have added a new column “What I Wish I Knew At the Start of the Online Transition...” Check it out to get some tips and hard-won wisdom from your peers as you prepare for Summer and Fall. https://padlet.com/jtejada6/q926udhqxhhv
- You all have been shouldering a lot and are possibly frustrated, upset or depressed about the difference between how your classes and your connections with students started this semester and how they are now. I thought I'd pass this article along to you that may speak to how we are all feeling as we work our way through this semester. We are worried for our students, our colleagues, our families and that is a lot to carry. We sometimes don’t worry about ourselves enough and how this is all impacting us. Please reach out to us if you need to talk! https://hbr.org/2020/03/that-discomfort-youre-feeling-is-grief?utm_source=pocket-newtab

Safety Tips

- Police Services will be on campus this week and Tuesday, May 26th from 7 am – 3 pm for students to return rented textbooks to our SRC Book Center (now located in W204)

Upcoming Events

- Please consider submitting an application for our Equity Series Event for the 2020-2021 school year by/before May 22nd. This year we will focus on the theme of indigeneity to engender a rigorous and respectful understanding of Indigenous peoples’ and other ethnic communities’ languages, knowledge, cultures, histories, politics, arts, sciences, and intellectual traditions. We would really love if an SRC faculty would put forth a speaker to come to our campus. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Taylor Oliver.
- SRC has taken Viking Day virtual! A team has been working over the past month to welcome our new students coming to us this Fall with an online event that will be held May 20th at 5:30pm (we have 86 attendees as of this writing!). Graduating high school seniors and their parents will learn about all SRC has to offer in terms of our support services, exciting classes and cool professors. A huge thank you goes to Michele McCabe and Ann Uawithya who, along with Kenyetta and Jen, organized this event. In addition, we are sending a shout out of gratitude to the following folks for their hard work, creativity and presentation skills:
  - Ed Cruz and Glenn Scott – our informative and fun faculty co-emcees (Steven Colbert has got nothing on them!)
  - Roxann Schmitt and Anhoa Pham and their tutors for their great video clip for SRC tutoring services!
  - Michele McCabe for emceeing and presenting the Student Services portion of the webinar and doing a live demo of how to make a counseling appointment. Well done!
  - Julie Barnhart, Sarah Peterson and Shari Keller for their polished and engaging presentations on
SRC A&R and Financial Aid
- SRC student ambassador Yusef Bello and SRC alum and transfer student Anastasia Tejada for participating on our student panel providing valuable advice and inspiration for new students.
- Mario Tejada – for his work on the video presentation and for being the “Webinar Master” for the event! It’s not the same as being a Jedi Master but much more difficult and way more awesome!

Construction Updates

- Construction is moving along at a good pace and the work on the new Cafe is currently two weeks ahead of schedule! The demolition work in the Learning Commons for the new Cafe began on Friday, May 15th.
- The Book Center has relocated to W204 for the remainder of the construction period.

Help Wanted
Committees, Projects & Work Groups

- Are you rotating out of your current DVC or SRC Committee commitment? Let us know and we will help find your replacement.

Education Technology Update

- Video links on Zoom, Canvas, etc. Professional Development workshops and support for transition to online instruction.
  https://www.dvc.edu/online-education/instructional-continuity-plan.html

Becoming an Effective Online Instructor training is currently happening with two of our faculty leading the training! Thanks Mario Tejada and Roxann Schmidt for your work on this! More trainings are scheduled throughout the summer. Contact Rick Robison if you have questions.
- Equity Tips to help Vulnerable Students through Remote Learning
  https://www.dvc.edu/san-ramon/pdfs/DVC%20Remote%20Resources%20During%20Campus%20Closure%20FINAL.pdf
Cool Things Going On & Congratulations!

Glenn Scott, club advisor for both ABG and PTK student clubs reports officer elections for Fall: The ΦΘΚ Honor Society (better known as Phi Theta Kappa or PTK for short) held their elections on 5/12/2020 via Zoom, and the new officer corps is:

- President: Andrew Crawley (returning)
- Vice President of Internal Affairs: Bianca Eslampour (formerly the ICC Rep)
- Vice President of External Affairs: Antonella Crawley (returning)
- Treasurer: Victor Macias (returning)
- ICC Representative: Flynn McGrath

And here is the ΑΒΓ Business Honor Society (better known as Alpha Beta Gamma or ABG for short) officer corps (election was held on 5/5/20 via Zoom):

- President: Bianca Eslampour
- Treasurer: Julia Yang
- Secretary: Victor Macias (returning)
- ICC Representative: Jessica Trolan

Anna Sohi conducted a Student Equity Hour orientation on Saturday, May 9, 2020 with two of our adjunct faculty-An Lam who teaches Computer Science and Mary Vasudeva who teaches English participating. The orientation was followed by an outstanding Transforming White Privilege training conducted by our very own Lynn Huang—over 30 faculty participated in this training. (Screenshot of Lynn sent via email)

PHC and SRC combined efforts this year to throw a “Transfer Celebration” event celebrating our transfer students. The event was held on Wednesday, May 13th and our Student Services Program Coordinator, Ann Uawithya worked hard to make it a fantastic party! Over 20 students attended and the event featured 3 SRC alumni talking about their SRC and transfer experiences

Some of the comments from our students that attended include:
- “Thank you for creating the space for us”
- “This is one of the most positive experiences since the lockdown”
- “We are really proud to attend DVC”
- “We appreciate everyone that put this together”

Just for FUN!!

Check out our own Ed Cruz – Math professor by day, Performance Artist by night!
Watch Ed and his wife Tina, son Issac and daughter Malaya performing at the 2016 at World Arts West’s Ethnic Dance Festival: https://youtu.be/zSn8cdyoQw4

Recommended by Kenyetta in Honor of ALL Our ZOOM Meetings!!
Comic Relief for those of us who have had enough of Zoom meetings for the semester!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYu_bGbZiiQ