UPDATE: COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Board of Trustees Meeting
- June 10, 2020
- Debra Polak, Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Ulises Velasco, Vice President of Student Services
Instructional Deans are working with faculty and schedulers to re-build the Fall 2020 schedule
- Every department, course, and section is being reviewed.
- Most courses will be completely online
- Some courses will have limited on ground meetings

The redesign of the schedule will result in fewer sections overall

Guided Pathways Leadership Team is convening summer workgroups to plan for support for students and faculty into and through the fall semester.

An online instructional support system for FT & PT faculty was built to support instructors & students w/ delivering/receiving virtual Fall course work
Program Highlights

- Chemistry: Some lab equipment being sent home; students purchase regular household items for beginning Chemistry labs; advanced Chem (organic) with some in person labs (groups of 4 students)
- English and Math labs: Faculty available most of the day on Canvas
- Fine Woodworking: smaller classes with fewer units (abbreviated program for fall)
- Theater: Radio productions like War of the Worlds
- Auto: Small groups attending for lab hours
- Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA): labs split into three groups of 8 students.
- Adult Basic Education courses (High school equivalency, Computer Basic Skills, ESL): Structured optional initial on ground instruction to facilitate success in the online course.
- Tutoring: using a video chat/virtual whiteboard platform called Pisces
Celebrating our Graduates

- Schat's (Ukiah): 71
- Slam Dunk (Ukiah): 37
- O'Meara Bros. (Lakeport): 19
- Los Gallitos (Fort Bragg): 12
- Taqueria Bravo (Willits): 8
- Wholly Bowl (Lakeport): 7
- Pizza to Go (Willits): 5

159 Mendocino College graduates enjoyed a free $50 meal from these restaurants
Celebrating our Graduates

- Over 170 graduates received a lawn sign.
- Distribution occurred at all college locations (Ukiah, Lakeport, Willits, Fort Bragg)
- Survey went out to all graduates asking if they wanted a lawn sign.
- Staff were on hand to provide students with the lawn signs.
Banner on State Street in Ukiah congratulating our graduates.

Sign remained in place for two weeks.

Ad was placed in Graduation Magazine listing all our graduates.
To the Editor:

Kudos to our local Mendocino College for helping to make our graduation-less ‘graduation’ feel special. I was surprised how proud I felt when I picked up my “Congratulations 2020 Graduate” lawn sign at the North County Center last week! Then, for the night of graduation, the college gave each graduate a $50 gift toward a dinner at participating restaurants. I chose Schat’s Bakery in Ukiah who supplied us w/ a fabulous lasagna, salad, rolls, and cake – yum! Thanks, Mendocino College and Schat’s for helping make my graduation special and unique in a good way.

-Anne Gary, Laytonville
We’ll get through this together.

Things may feel out-of-control right now. You may be facing a lot of unknowns and disruptions. Try to be patient with yourself, your classmates, and your instructors during this time. Take care of your wellbeing first. Making a plan and adjusting your studying may even help you feel a little sense of control. It’s important to stay in close contact with your instructors; they are great resources. Let them know when you have questions or need help. They want to hear from you!

Use this resource as a starting point.

In this guide, we’ll talk about:

- Staying organized
- Avoiding multitasking
- Making the most of video lectures
- Setting a schedule
- Trading your strategies for new ones
- Working with a group or team
- Staying connected to other people

Your study habits may need to change.

While more of your coursework and teamwork have to be online and remote, here are some strategies to keep in mind:

1. Staying organized

Continued Support for Online Students

- College website has COVID-19 updates and list of available resources.
- Surveys will go out shortly to connect students with resources (ChromeBooks, mobile hotspots, food resources, etc).
- "Becoming and Online Student" resource guide created to ease transition.
Financial Aid Office - Mendocino College
Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal

Instruction
To appeal the loss of your financial aid eligibility due to not meeting the minimum Satisfactory Academic Progress standards, you must submit this appeal form, provide supporting documentation and adhere to an Ed Plan. Submission of this form does not guarantee an approval of financial aid.

1. Your Academic Counselor must complete Section 1. You must complete Sections 2, 3, and 4.
2. To view your reason for loss of financial aid eligibility refer to the SAP email that was sent to you or view your most recent SAP status within the Financial Aid portal in MyWarden.
3. Make sure your submitted appeal is complete and you have attached the required supporting documentation. Incomplete appeals will be rejected and you will need to submit another appeal form.

Reason for loss of financial aid eligibility: Please Select

Section 1: Educational Plan
This section is to be completed by a Mendocino College Academic Counselor

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Online Forms are Here!
Section 3: Statement on Plan of Action

Describe in detail how you have addressed/resolved the issue(s) which resulted in your inability to meet the Satisfactory Academic standards and how you will meet Plan in the future.

Certification and Signature

- I certify that all information reported on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that failure to provide true information may result in penalty for cancellation of financial aid awards.
- I understand that I may be required to return unearned financial aid funds for previous terms from financial and disbursements.
- I understand that if my appeal is approved I will follow my Plan.
- I understand that I have financial aid funding will only be provided for courses outlined by my Academic Counselor.
- I understand that I will be monitored every semester and I must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Student Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________

Unchecked: I have attached supporting documentation. Failure to include documentation can result in appeal denial.
Challenges and Opportunities

- Continue to provide effective support for faculty and students new to teaching and learning in the online environment.
- Maintain effective contact with students; build community from a distance to impact success.
- Continue to communicate care, community, connectedness.