

We have great news!

The Vail-Eagle Valley campus hosted a very successful Distance Learning Orientation yesterday! 23 students attended the orientation designed to prepare them for Distance Education at Colorado Mountain College. The sessions focused key factors to Distance Learning Success:

1. Introduction to on-campus support staff and resources: Virtual Librarian/library, Student Services Counselors, the Learning Lab and study groups/tutoring.
2. Aptitude for Distance Learning: students took the short Distance Learning quiz that we offer on the CMC web site. Darryl Yarrow explained the quiz and how the students could assess their responses. It was suggested that the students use the quiz as a resource to identify areas that might challenge them in Distance Learning so that they could plan in advance to overcome the possible hurdles.
3. Explanation of the different types of Distance Learning options and how they are offered: Web, IVS, Teleweb, etc.
4. Blackboard: a crash course on how to navigate blackboard and be a successful user.
5. Tips from a Distance Learning instructor: Sandy Jackson explained how to be a successful distance learner, emphasizing communication and time management.

Darryl and Sandy did a great job of teaching the students how to succeed in Distance Education. Shannon Stevens and Larry Dutmer, our Student Services Counselors were also present and offered good advice to the students regarding Distance Learning and overcoming challenges. The evaluations that were collected at the end of the sessions proved that the orientation was an overwhelming success. We collected evaluations from every student and all of them (the evaluations) showed very positive marks!

In conclusion, we are very pleased with the Distance Learning Orientation and we definitely plan on doing it again. As a follow-up, we will be hosting a Distance Learning Mid-Term Support Session. The Mid-Term Support Session will be held on October 16th and will be designed to get feedback from students on how their Distance Learning experience is going and how we can help them be more successful in the final weeks of their class. The Student Services Counselors will be available to advise students and help them develop action plans if they need assistance.

Thanks so much to everyone who helped-out! We are making difference!

If you have any questions or feedback, feel free to be in touch.

Smiles & Sunshine,

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