Update to Students: 7/27/2020

Good afternoon-

College leadership is continuing to work closely with Plumas County Public Health Agency to implement a safe re-opening plan for the fall 2020 semester. Campus has been closed to visitors since late March, when Governor Newsom issued a Stay-at-Home order. Since then, the state has started to “re-open” but with a rise in COVID-19 cases, many counties have had to scale back. Plumas County has also seen an increase in cases, however we are not currently on the “watch list.” We have a responsibility to do our part to have carefully thought out procedures and protocols in place to provide a safe environment for our students and staff and to minimize risk for our small community.

Instruction/Fall Classes
At this time we are moving lecture courses to an online format and planning for limited in-person instruction to support the essential workforce as and in areas that are difficult to teach online, such as laboratories. We have created an updated course schedule to reflect how classes will meet this fall: SCHEDULE This schedule is located on the FRC home page. We encourage you to check back frequently for changes and more specific details. If you have a question about the class, please email the instructor listed. If you have questions about your schedule, please contact your academic advisor or email frcadvising@frc.edu if you are unsure who to contact.

Student Services and Instructional Support
We are preparing for students services to be provided on campus as well as online in order to support all students regardless of their physical presence. For example, students will be able to meet with an Advisor by phone or Zoom, or schedule an appointment to meet in person, if needed. This also includes services provided by our Learning Resource Center such as library materials and tutoring. Plans for our Bookstore and the Eagle’s Perch Café are still in development and we hope to provide an update soon.

Student Housing
We are continuing to work with Plumas County Public Health Agency so that we can provide student housing this fall. Occupancy will be reduced and priority will go to students who are enrolled in face-to-face courses. We hope that we will be able to accommodate more students during the spring semester. More information was sent to residents via email today.

COVID Testing
We are working with Plumas District Hospital to provide COVID-19 testing for all students enrolled in a class that meets on campus. The college will cover the cost of the initial test. Students in housing will need to have a negative test prior to move-in. We are reviewing rosters to identify other students enrolled in courses meeting face-to-face and will be following up to schedule their test the week of August 17th.

Student Orientation
We are planning for socially distanced, small group, out-door orientations the week of August 17th. Additional information will be forthcoming. Our goal is to schedule students for COVID testing and orientation the same day.
**Face Coverings**
At this time we anticipate that face coverings will be required for all face-to-face instruction meeting in a classroom.

Again, we appreciate your patience as we continue to plan for the fall semester. The safety and welfare of our students, employees and community is our primary focus and concern.