

COLA Weekly

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It felt very odd to leave campus Tuesday night, toting the bits and bobs I thought I'd need when working from home. I'm sure there's still an utterly essential post-it note on my desk, but that's the way it goes. Better that we're all safer by being away from each other. But I already miss seeing people - you!

Most of us spend a substantial portion of each day working on our computers. We can do that from home, once we figure out the new rhythm of electronic connectivity. What is not easy to replace is the human-to-human connectivity. People need contact with other people, even if it is only via the phone or internet. We need to commiserate, celebrate, problem solve and create together. Consider posting to facebook or twitter, and share your ingenious solutions to working at home. Use the hashtag **#COLAStrongathome** because it's true: even though we are at home we are all still part of the strong COLA community.

Please forgive typos - they were caused by a cat walking on the keyboard: an unanticipated peril of working at home.



Before we left campus we got some good news. CoLA was one of the lucky recipients of a Faculty Senate recruitment grant, sponsored by the COLA Senate. The grant, coupled with a donation we received, will enable us to have the New Media Incubator produce 30 second student testimonial videos, one for each major and grad program. We will post the videos on our websites, use them for admissions events, and have them sent out automatically whenever students express interest in our programs. I'm sure we'll think of other ways to use them as well.

Stay well, keep safe, and remember to wash your hands - again!

Handwritten signature of Linda Caron in black ink.

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