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Dear Colleagues,

At my request, the Office of Academic Success & Achievement has been working on the expansion of the SOS program to include a digital version of the program called SOS-Launchpad. Modeled after UA Online Launchpad, SOS-Launchpad is being created to provide all incoming main campus students with another place to connect to valuable campus resources. Housed in D2L (the one place students often go as the campus does not have a portal) students will have the opportunity to complete modules that will reinforce materials they learned at New Student Orientation *and* engage new information identified as being vital to their success as they transition to campus. SOS-Launchpad will be a repository of high level learning objects that simply reinforce the learning that is going on across campus and through the orientation program. The larger goal is simply to direct students to the right place at the right time.

A group of UA staff from a variety of departments across campus have been collaborating to create learning outcomes. This group has been meeting in ad hoc fashion throughout the spring semester to identify what support materials students needed to be successful as they transitioned to the UA. Staff have been working to create the SOS-Launchpad curriculum based on 10 overarching themes. The Learning to Learn module, for example, came for the Office of Instruction and Assessment and the Academic Advising module is being developed in collaboration with the Advising Resource Center.

Additionally, a family version SOS-Launchpad will be available in early August. The family version of SOS-Launchpad contains the same information that students have access to, with additional modules created specifically for UA families, created in collaboration with the Parent & Family Association. SOS-Launchpad is being piloted during Summer 2017 with students participating in the New Start Summer Program, with the goal that it will be open to all students at the end of July. This is intended to be *another* resource for students. Nothing replaces the engagement we have with students in our face-to-face and synchronous digital interactions.

SOS-Launchpad Content

1. Understanding D2L

2. Asking for Help
3. Navigating UAccess
4. Map of Campus Resources
5. Inclusion & Community
6. Academic Advising
7. Health, Wellness, & Safety
8. Finances & Financial Aid
9. Learning to Learn

Any UA staff person can be added to the D2L modules, in order to see the information students are provided with. Staff wishing to be added to SOS Launchpad should contact Jenny Nirh, French@email.arizona.edu. If you would like to know more about SOS-Launchpad, or review the SOS-Launchpad learning outcomes please visit sos.arizona.edu/Launchpad.

Cheers,
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