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Dear COE Student,

We at the College of Education believe that true success is measured not only by the knowledge you gain, but in how you utilize this knowledge to impact change among future generations of learners. As a student, you have the ability to showcase your education and shape the course of your future career path through the use of innovative technology and interactive learning—all you need are the right tools to accomplish this. This fall, the College of Education is pleased to provide you with the tools you need by introducing you to Tk20.

Tk20 is a learning outcomes assessment and data management system that enables you to actively participate online in various areas of your college experience, such as course instruction and professional portfolio development. At the program level, our faculty members are able to assess the work you submit and use collected data to improve future learning. By utilizing Tk20 for student learning outcomes assessment, we are also able to improve program support and meet our requirements for accreditation. In addition, Tk20 provides you with a rich set of tools to create a professional portfolio, which you then have the ability to share with faculty, colleagues, or potential employers. Using the Tk20 system requires that students pay a one-time $125 Tk20 curriculum fee, which appears in your student account. Once paid, you have access to all the features described above during your time at UNM and for eight years after graduation—an invaluable resource as you begin to pursue your career endeavors.

This fall semester will be particularly significant due to the fact that all COE programs will be configured in the system. This means that, beginning in early September, all students will have the opportunity to log into Tk20 and begin utilizing this tool. Your instructors will update you on the login process and will provide you with the basic skills needed to navigate the system and upload coursework assignments. In addition, the COE Center for Student Success will be offering Tk20 portfolio workshops, which will provide you with the opportunity to begin utilizing Tk20 for your professional development.

While we can continue to describe the benefits of Tk20, the most effective way for you to learn about the system is simply by experiencing it. This is our primary goal for the semester—to provide you with the opportunity to fully experience Tk20 and discover the ways in which you can use this innovative technology in the months and years to come. In the following weeks, our faculty members will be receiving Tk20 training, after which time they will be able to pass their knowledge along to you and be available as resources for the remainder of the semester. In addition, you can contact our Tk20 support staff for technical assistance by sending an E-mail to coetk20@unm.edu. We will also have several online resources available to you during the semester, which you can access by visiting the COE Tk20 website and Tk20 FAQ page.

While realization of the true benefits may not occur until after graduation when you have used your Tk20 portfolio to help secure a fulfilling career, we believe that Tk20 will be an essential tool to aid in your success and the success of the College for years to come.

Best regards,

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