



# December 2020 Newsletter



## End of Semester Reminders

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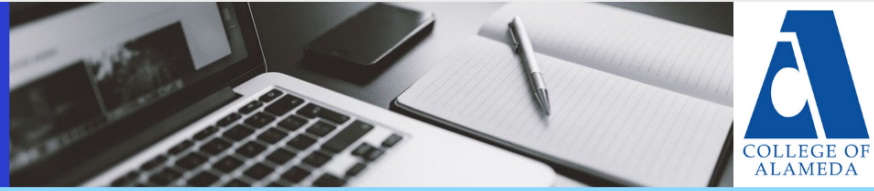
### Extend the Canvas course end date if needed?

Students will *not* have access to submit assignments in Canvas past the last day of the semester on Friday 12/18 unless you extend the course end date. You must go into your course settings and extend the course end date *before* 12/19; on 12/19, you will not be able to edit course end dates or extend student access without submitting a Help Desk ticket.



### Enter zeros in the Canvas gradebook for missing assignments?

Make sure you have zeros '0' entered for missing assignments (where students didn't submit an assignment). If you do not enter a grade in a student's gradebook column, Canvas will ignore the assignment in their final grade calculation. There is a missing submission policy that allows you to automatically assign zeros (if you like) for missing submissions, however this is best enabled at the beginning of the semester. If you enable this setting at the end of the semester or after a submission date passed, you will still need to manually enter a '0' in that column.



## Big Canvas Update in January

As announced in the [September 2020 Newsletter](#), the existing Rich Content Editor is scheduled to be removed from Canvas on 1/16/21 and replaced by the New Rich Content Editor. Check out the resources below in preparation for the systemwide update:

- [What is the New Rich Content Editor?](#)
- [5-Minute Video Tutorial on the New Rich Content Editor](#)

Visit the [Canvas release notes website](#) for up-to-date information on their monthly release updates.



## A Season of Thanks

As 2020 comes to an end we are reminded of the momentous challenges this year. Through it all, our college persevered and continued to serve students. Distance Education took a huge leap forward this year. Both new and experienced online instructors alike attended countless professional development webinars, classes, and trainings to meet the needs of students. Thank you, to each and every one of you, for your hard work and dedication.

The College of Alameda Distance Education team looks forward to continuing to serve you in 2021. Happy Holidays and stay healthy.

