Dear Student,

Welcome to the hybrid version of Math 060 at College of the Canyons. My name is Ana Palmer and I will be the instructor for the course. The purpose of this letter is to give you an overview of the course which hopefully will help you decide if online learning is suitable for your needs.

The course is designed to develop beginning algebra skills, including the fundamental concepts of operating within the real number system, working with first degree equations in one unknown, identifying and evaluating functions, factoring of and multiplication of polynomials, and working with algebraic fractions, linear equations and graphs, systems of linear equalities, exponents and radicals, quadratic equations, and applications.

The textbook for this course is: *Elementary & Intermediate Algebra* by Sullivan (3rd edition)

There are two options for accessing the textbook. First, you can find it bundled with MyMathLab Student Access Kit at COC Bookstore ISBN: 9781269361842. The cost can range from $127-$169. The second option is to just purchase a MyMathLab Access Code from Pearson’s website [www.mymathlab.com](http://www.mymathlab.com) when you register for the course. With this option you can access the textbook online and will not have a hard copy of the textbook. The cost is about $90.00. Most students seem to prefer option number 2.

The only required material for the course is MML student access code mentioned above and a valid email account. Without the access code and a valid email account, you will not be able to access the course.

Please check my homepage [http://www3.canyons.edu/Faculty/palmera/](http://www3.canyons.edu/Faculty/palmera/) as of Saturday, February 8th, to find additional information about this course. Mandatory course orientation will be held on Thursday, February 13th, 7:30-10:00pm, in BONH-301. If you do not attend the orientation, you will be dropped from the course.

You will have online and face-to-face meetings and testing. For all face-to-face meetings a valid identification will be required or you will not be allowed to take the tests. The on-campus test days are: March 6th, April 17th, May 8th, and June 5th. Please mark your calendars, so you won't miss those days as make-up test will not be allowed.

We will be using Blackboard course management system for this course. Additional information will be posted on my homepage on February 8th.
Student Learning Outcomes for Math 060 are:

- Recognize and interpret equations of lines
- Solve systems of linear equations
- Factor Polynomials

If you are a DSPS student, you may qualify for additional time taking your tests. Please share with me the accommodations letter so I can help you accordingly.

If you have any questions about the course, please feel free to contact me at: ana.palmer@canyons.edu.

Ana Palmer