

Keyano College

What was once a quiet Campus is starting to buzz five months after the world came to a halt.

Under provincial government mandate, Keyano College, like all post-secondary institutions in Alberta, closed their doors in March and moved to online learning.

Students did not miss a beat in their studies thanks to the quick work of our IT staff transitioning the College to virtual studies in a matter of days.

While navigating through the pandemic, the College and our community faced another major challenge – a one-in-100-year flood forcing the evacuation of our staff and student housing, along with our main Clearwater Campus.

Facing \$48 million in flood damages and a pandemic, providing education to our students remained a priority.

The College's mental health coordinators connected with over 460 students to check on their well-being and informed them of supports that can be accessed virtually. We opened up different lines of communication for students and staff, increased bandwidth, ran training events for instructors, and invested in new technology.

Our faculty is now equipped with state of the art laptops to be more flexible in their teaching. The College is creating flipped classrooms – a studio that gives instructors the best tools and students more opportunities learning online. Virtual gathering spaces have also been launched as a safe space for students to connect meaningfully.

Due to the flood, the College only gained access to our facilities in late-August and had a couple weeks to implement the flood and COVID-19 transition plan before the start of the fall semester.

Health protocols have been developed and implemented at our campuses and student housing. Students continue to learn virtually this fall, except where labs and shops are required.

Our priority remains keeping students and staff healthy and safe.

“We want to assure our community that we commit to provide an exceptional experience for students, one that will prepare them for a career or for further education,” said VP of Academic, Fred Russell.

Keyano continues to move forward as an institution, grow and diversify our programming, and are prepared for the pandemic as the winter months approach.



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