



To the Families and Advocates of our Students,

On behalf of Estrella Mountain Community College (EMCC) ROAR Team, welcome to College Orientation for Families and Advocates (C.O.F.A). EMCC recognizes that a supporting partner may be a parent, grandparent, aunt, etc... No matter who you are, we are here to join in the partnership and to help in any way we can. We will guide you in your supporting role through informative sessions about campus resources, financial aid and much more. Your student's success in college begins with your encouragement, foresight, and sharing of perspectives.

Your student will begin their educational journey by completing a "Required Orientation, Advisement and Registration" (ROAR) session. ROAR outlines campus resources, introduces them to their student success team and more. We are here not just to educate your student but to empower them with the knowledge to be their *own* best advocate.

As your student begins to acclimate to college, there will be many opportunities that will be available to them. It is important to recognize your student as an adult and allow them the decisions to explore and experience those opportunities at EMCC. The transition to college may also present social and emotional challenges for your student. Please be certain to connect with them by being available to talk to when challenges and questions arise. Encourage your student to take the time to make informed decisions and/or to seek help via the supportive resources on campus. Providing this guidance, your student will develop an identity of being confident, independent and assertive.

The transition to college is a big step for everyone involved. The foundation has been built by your encouragement and the confidence you have instilled in them to pursue a college education. Together as partners we can see to your student's academic success as they form their identity and create a life on campus independently. This is done by educating and trusting your student and providing them the autonomy they need when decisions are needed to be made. Discuss goals and priorities with your student and respect their plans. Remember, your role is *essential* throughout their college education.

Sincerely,

The EMCC ROAR Team