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Dear CMC Students, Faculty, & Staff,

Welcome back for Spring 2023!

The Center for Writing and Public Discourse (CWPD), located in Kravis 101, offers writing and presentation skills consultations. The CWPD is a free resource for all students enrolled in CMC courses.

The CWPD staff is committed to aiding students from all disciplines at any point during the writing process as well as while students prepare to deliver oral presentations. [CWPD Consultants](#) sit down with students, one-on-one, to look over drafts, help organize ideas, and provide advice on papers and presentations that can help students become stronger writers and speakers.

You can register on our website www.cmc.edu/writing and make an appointment with one of our consultants. An appointment can be up to 45 minutes in length. If you need to cancel or modify your appointment, please do so at least 30 minutes prior to your appointment. Doing so will give those on our waiting list an opportunity to come in. **If either you or your consultant are feeling unwell, you may be asked to move your session online.** You can also add yourself to the “wait list” if your preferred time is already booked.

When can I meet with a consultant?

Sun: (Online Appointments Only) 6:00-9:00p

M-Thurs: 9:00a-5:15p in Kravis 101

M-Thurs: 6:00p-9:00p at the CARE Center

Fri: 9:00a-10:30a in Kravis 101

What can the CWPD do for you?

Students work with CWPD consultants to:

- Grow in confidence as writers and speakers;
- Consider the context, audience, and purpose of their writing;
- Understand and respond to classroom assignments;
- Engage intellectually with their chosen topic;
- Deliver relevant content in a compelling and polished manner;
- Convey their understanding of a topic;
- Develop a clear central message that shapes the entire work;
- Learn to deploy disciplinary conventions regarding organization and style;
- Present ideas in an organized and cohesive manner;
- Discern credible and relevant supporting material; and
- Use appropriate and interesting language.

The CWPD also offers:

Support for Multilingual Students

The CWPD's Assistant Director for Multilingual Writing, Mellissa Martinez, provides concierge-style assistance to English language learners at CMC. These meetings are ideal for writers whose ideas may be strong but for whom writing in American academic English is significantly challenging. To sign up for 1:1 meetings with our multilingual support specialists, please select "Spring 22 Multilingual Appointments" from the drop-down menu on WCOonline.

Programming & Resources

We will host Athenaeum events and other programming. Please be watching your inboxes – and follow us on [Instagram](#) - for more information about these exciting events.

Additionally, our "[Guides and Resources](#)" webpage is a great place to visit if you are looking for resources related to writing, speaking/presenting, and interacting productively with your professors.

Senior Thesis Writing Support

If you are writing your senior thesis this year, please visit our "[Guides and Resources](#)" page and watch our "[Senior Thesis Questions](#)" video. Once there, you will also find useful guides for researching and writing your thesis. Watch your email inboxes for announcements regarding CWPD programming – like our senior thesis writing retreats - that will help you successfully complete your thesis project.

The Appel Fellowship for First-Year Students

The Appel Fellowship encourages students to engage in independent writing projects that have the potential to be transformative. We will circulate a call for applications in January; the deadline for submissions is typically in early February. Please see our [Appel fellowship webpage](#) for more information.

For more information about the CWPD, please visit our website: www.cmc.edu/writing.

All of us at the CWPD look forward to working with you this semester,

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