



THE MILE VIEW



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MILE: Zooming Ahead to Spring

The MILE spring calendar will be emailed to you on January 29th. Returning members should not fill out a registration form since we do not need to reserve space at the college and everyone, who registered this fall, has already paid their \$60 annual membership fee. You will be automatically registered for all MILE presentations, but you will need to individually contact Bud Sielaff (budsielaff@sbcglobal.net) if you wish to join the Great Decisions program, even if you were part of the group in the fall. The spring Great Decisions program will be using 2021 materials and there is a limit on the number of participants. Members will be admitted to this course on a first-come, first served basis. Course descriptions will be posted on our website, www.mileonline.org on January 29th. Introductions by the online presenters for our virtual orientation will also be posted on the website at that time.

Winter Survey Results

Thank you to all of you who responded to our survey of the fall semester. There were 52 responses. Of those surveyed, 71% would like us to continue with a 2–3-day schedule when we return to in-person learning at Middlesex Community College. 100% of those surveyed would like to continue to have virtual access to sessions, with 71% choosing some sessions to be both live and virtual. About 73% of those surveyed would be willing to pay \$75 for a year of MILE sessions, depending on how frequently they occur. There are also comments and feedback on the fall semester. The full results of the survey are attached as a pdf file.

Some folks did comment that they did not understand why we have to ask your name when you enter the Zoom sessions. If your first and last name are not part of your Zoom identification, we ask as a security measure, similarly to when you signed in for classes at MxCC. We check all names against our membership list. This ensures that we do not have any outsiders “Zoom-bombing” our sessions.

Dates to remember

- January 29th** The spring calendar will be emailed to you.
Virtual MILE Orientation posted on www.mileonline.org
Course descriptions and virtual introductions will be available on the website.
- February 23rd** Zoom refresher session at 1:30 p.m. Invitation will be emailed out by 2/13/21.
- February 27th** Zoom instructions for entering a MILE classes will be emailed to members.
- March 2nd** MILE Spring Semester begins on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 pm.
- April 22nd** Last class for MILE Spring Semester.

Please consider making a donation to the Extra MILE Fund, Middlesex Community College Foundation, 100 Training Hill Road, Middletown, CT 06457. Funds are used to support the Magic Food Bus and students, who need assistance.