Send a Welcome Message

Madison, Student [00:00:09] I think every online instructor should introduce themselves and make me, allow me to know who they are and why they love to teach this course.

Lindsay Wright, PhD, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator, Child and Family Sciences, School of Child and Family Sciences, The University of Southern Mississippi [00:00:18] I send students a welcome message when the course opens so they get notified that the course is available and to help encourage them to go ahead and log into the course. I also, in that welcome message, include that they have an assignment due on Friday at noon, and so that way they don't even have to open the course to know, oh, I need to go in the course because I have something due in two days.

Kahdijah, Student [00:00:41] I love when my instructor sends a welcome message. It really gets me excited for the course and excited for the school year. It's kind of like if I were in a face-to-face class and the instructor came in and automatically went to the board and started teaching, like never introducing themselves, I'd be like, yeah, we're dropping this class today. But it really just lets you, like helps you get to know who they are and just really makes it very personal.

Sara, Student [00:01:04] When my instructor sends me a welcome message, it really makes me excited for the first day of class. I've always been the type of student that is looking forward to that first day. So feeling that personal connection with my instructor makes it feel less like an online and more like a face-to-face, and shows me that she's excited to have me in her class as well, and get those reminders about what's coming up.