Dear WR115 Students,

Welcome to our writing class. I’d like to introduce myself in writing and encourage you to do the same.

I’ve been teaching writing and literature at LBCC for eleven years and can remember when our computer classroom had no computers, when the Library entrance faced east, and when our Courtyard Café was simply a Café at ½ its present size.

I have two children: Miles (15) and Corinne (18). We work, school nights, at our kitchen table on homework. I find that watching and helping them in their study sessions gives me terrific motivation for teaching writing and literature. I can see how much they grow day-by-day. I love being a teacher. I especially love being a teacher at this community college.

I call myself a writer. I write in a journal everyday. The most difficult writing (and perhaps the most satisfying) I do comes out of this journal writing: poetry and short stories. My favorite writing job was as a newspaper book reviewer. As a writing teacher, I try to complete the assignments I give to my students, so don’t be surprised if I come to class with my own peer review questions for you. In the past week, I’ve probably written 15 journal entries, 10 lists, various notes and letters to my kids, my husband, my friends. I’ve just recently completed writing the syllabus for this class, and you will be the judge of how well I’ve communicated all the necessary information.

I have three specific goals this term. I’ll work hard to create well-organized assignments that offer rich and meaningful connections for you. Second, I want to help each one of you achieve confidence in your mastery of reading, writing, and editing skills. And finally, perhaps most importantly, my goal is to help each one of you achieve the joy that comes with producing good writing.

I’m very happy to be working with you this term.

Please write your own brief letter of introduction. Try to include as much of the following information in your letter as you are comfortable giving.

- I’m working at
- My job is to
- I work _________ hours a week.
- I’m working toward a degree in
- My career goal is
- My special needs and/or family commitments that I’d like you to know about are
- I’m currently taking the following classes:
- Previous college writing courses that I’ve taken
- I write routinely in the following ways
- The most recent writing I’ve done that I feel proud of is (please include the purpose and the audience for this writing
- After I complete this course, I anticipate using writing in the following ways (please consider career/job-related writing, academic writing, and personal writing)
- The kinds of authors/books/magazines I like to read are (please include names, titles, or types of favorites)