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Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Before we go into the weekend after this very eventful week I want to clarify a few items and make sure we go into the weekend with a clear head and a positive outlook - ready to move forward and continue to be Nassau Strong!

### **In Summary**

- Given the County Executive's announcement this morning and the [Nassau County Department of Health's request](#) that we close the campus through March 20<sup>th</sup> we have chosen to extend the original suspension of face to face classes until Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Face to face classes will not meet in person prior to March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Online classes will continue as scheduled. This decision was made to maintain the health and safety of the NCC community.
- We are quickly implementing a plan to transition many courses to remote instruction and that will begin prior to March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Faculty members and students should be in correspondence as to what course work could look like moving forward.
- Earlier this week, Governor Cuomo asked that all SUNY and CUNY institutions develop an academic plan that will allow for certain classes, not all, to be instructed remotely. This is to lessen the density on campus and continue preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- We encourage students [to take this survey](#) as we assess remote learning capabilities. Please take the survey only once.
- During the next week our Executive and Incident Command Teams (ICT & ECT), Union Leadership, Chair of the Academic Senate, and Chair of Chairs will continue to develop our learning continuity plans while incorporating the feedback we receive from the student survey.
- Please continue to check your email and our dedicated webpage for updates like the message we [sent specifically to students earlier](#).

### **New Update**

- I also want to inform everyone that out of an abundance of caution, we have made the difficult decision to cancel all spring season competitions. This action was not taken lightly but as we have always said our number one priority is the health and safety of our students.



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Finally, I want to say that we are in the midst of a rapidly changing global and national situation and must navigate through it together. The resiliency of our community is astounding. Thank you all for supporting one another and sharing your voices so we can progress with thoughtful consideration, empathy, and equity. We are in this together!

I encourage you all to be safe this weekend and remember to practice social distancing.

Regards,

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