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Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

As we close out this eventful week, I wanted to send positive thoughts to you and your loved ones. I hope this message finds you and your families well.

As a father of two young boys, a loving husband, and a son of a mother in a vulnerable category for this unforgiving virus, I want you to know that we have been experiencing this situation together. My life experiences over the past several weeks have been similar to yours. Homeschooling children, hoping my family stays healthy, worrying about my mother, doing my best to practice socializing from a distance...to name a few.

With that in mind, I did not transition my learning and teaching to a remote format. My role at NCC is not as a student or faculty member. To the students and faculty, I want to say “thank you.” You have faced the challenges of this semester with innovation, determination, and collaboration.

My sincere gratitude also goes out to our staff, administrators and College leadership who have continued to remain positive as we have tirelessly worked to transition the enterprise functions of the College remote. Lastly, I want to thank those individuals who are ensuring our safety by cleaning, maintaining, and protecting the College facilities and grounds.

During this global pandemic, maintaining the health and safety of our NCC community has been and will continue to be our number one priority.

This has been an eventful time for all of us here at NCC, as we transitioned almost 99% of our classes to remote instruction and are currently offering student support services remotely. Remote instruction and student support decreases the density on campus which in turn we hope will lessen the spread of the virus.

These past weeks have presented many challenges and opportunities and have shown what an equity-minded, resilient, dedicated, strong and empathetic community we are. In this new reality we are living in, we will continue to work together to transcend these obstacles and thrive, to advance student access, completion, and post-completion success.

I am aware that outside of our NCC community, we are all faced with additional life realities, given this ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic. To the entire NCC community, I want to reassure you that we are here for you. There are resources for students, faculty, and staff. We have included a list of all available support services on our website so please do not hesitate to utilize those. We have also created a JPEG that [highlights College resources with contact information](#). We encourage you to save the image to your phones to have these easily accessible.

To our students, we have been and will continue to work tirelessly to support you in the successful completion of this Spring semester and beyond. We want you to accomplish your goals and be proud alumni.

I miss walking around and talking with students, faculty, and staff and I can’t wait to see so many of you again.

Stay safe. Stay healthy.