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Dear Students, Faculty, & Staff,

I wanted to start this email off by acknowledging the members of our NCC community that are working on the front lines through this pandemic. Whether you are a student, faculty member or staff we greatly appreciate the services you are providing as you risk your health and safety to provide services for others. We sincerely appreciate your heroism. We have introduced a new campaign via our social media channels where we are profiling some of the members of our NCC community and the great work they are doing. I encourage you all to take a look <u>at Aryeh's profile</u> that was posted today and share with your followers. Let's show our support!

If you or someone you know in the NCC community is working on the front lines, then please share their information with marketing-communications@ncc.edu to be included in this campaign of gratitude.

As we continue our Spring semester remotely, we want to ensure that all of our students, at this point, have the technology they need to complete their course work. We have a number of laptops available for use for our registered students. If you are a registered student in need of a laptop, there is a Student Equipment Loan Form on the student portal, in the LaunchPad, that can be filled out to receive a loaner laptop; and, if you are a faculty member aware of any students in need of one, please direct them to the form. Our IT teams will be in touch to coordinate distribution of the equipment.

Governor Cuomo extended the stay at home order for the state until May 15<sup>th</sup> and he continues to report a decrease in significant data points such as hospitalizations and deaths. While this is all good news, it is extremely important that we continue to stop the spread of COVID-19 by staying home or by following social distancing if we absolutely need to go out. We will continue to operate as we have been.

Finally, I want to remind the NCC Community that our Commencement work group is working diligently to finalize plans for our revised Commencement celebration. We will endeavor to provide our graduates with a momentous virtual celebration to acknowledge all their accomplishments. Please continue to check your emails for updates.

If you have not done so already, then please fill out your information for the 2020 Census <u>here</u>. Census data is the basis for determining how billions of federal education aid, and other funds, are allocated to our State, County, and communities. Resources are based on reporting so we all need to make Census completion a priority. Thank you!

Regards,

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