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Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Our Spring Semester is coming to an end in a few weeks and I wanted to acknowledge, once again, how impressed I am with our ability to quickly transition and adapt to this new remote environment. The transition to remote learning, teaching, and support services has not been without challenges and there are a number of circumstances that we are all handling in our personal lives. We greatly appreciate your resiliency and your strength as we continue to push forward to ensure our NCC students succeed.

Please trust that we understand the importance of adjusting policies and processes so that they are aligned with our new normal. Several offices have pivoted in regards to their guidelines in order to best support students. In regards to a pass/fail option, this is a complex situation with many implications. It is currently being reviewed, with a decision to be made in the near future. We will continue to update you with pertinent information around this policy via email.

And for our graduates we want to assure you that we are committed to celebrating the completion of your academic time at NCC with a virtual celebration. Our Commencement working group has recommended a Virtual Commencement Ceremony to be held on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Graduates will also be able to order their cap and gown for shipment to their homes. Please continue to check your emails and the Commencement website regularly as further details will be provided shortly including a link to order a cap and gown, a digital save the date, and formal invitation for our graduates to share with their families and all who have supported them throughout their academic journey here at NCC. Certainly, there will be an opportunity for faculty to participate. We recognize how much you do to impact student success.

Any students who are looking to return text books from their Spring course we ask that you ship those text books to the book store. Information on how to print out a prepaid shipping label and where to return books can be found [here](#). Students who need text books for Summer sessions should order online through the book store for shipment to their homes.

And finally, just a reminder Fall registrations opens today for current students. Thank you to all of our faculty, staff and administrators who have worked tirelessly to make this happen so that our students can continue their academic journeys.

Regards,

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