

October 15, 2020

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff:

Hard to believe we are halfway through the Fall semester. I hope that this message finds you all well and enjoying this fall season.

COVID-19 Update

Earlier this week, we notified the NCC community that a member of the Campus community had tested positive for COVID-19. The College is working very closely with the Nassau County Department of Health (DOH) through the contact tracing process. If you have received a call from a contact tracer in connection to a positive case, then please respond immediately to help contain the spread. It is important that we continue to work together to maintain our health and safety, ensuring we attentively follow the established safety guidelines and expectations. For the most accurate count of the College's positive case, you can view the SUNY tracker [here](#). The site was recently enhanced and now includes test trend data, as well as data on specific test types.

I also encourage you to utilize some other State resources that are available to us, including the [COVID NY Alert App](#). The app uses concise data in real time and is another tool that we can leverage to help in the fight against spreading the virus on our campus. Additionally, due to the impact of COVID-19 on our students, SUNY announced a plan to expand access to mental health services to every SUNY student. These are challenging times for us all, and maintaining our mental health is just as important as protecting our physical health. You can read more about all the services offered [here](#).

Finally, last month [Chancellor Malatras announced](#) an initiative requiring SUNY colleges and universities to implement a COVID-19 testing program on all SUNY campuses. Over the last few weeks, the College has been developing a surveillance testing plan for our students who are on-campus. Over the next week, we will be communicating more on the plan with those who will complete the testing. To read more about SUNY's pooled testing, please click [here](#).

As mentioned above, we as a community are navigating through some challenging times, but the mission of our College does not change. Through the College's Institutional Planning Committee, we are developing a comprehensive path forward that outlines how we will create a Strategic Plan and supplemental institutional plans which will continue to advance the College and will ensure an equitable and data-informed approach to enhancing student access, completion, and post-completion success.

Together, we are Nassau Strong, and we will see Nassau advance!

Regards,

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