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Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

First, I want to thank you all for your continued flexibility and tenacity as we complete another week of remote operations. I greatly appreciate everyone's willingness to work together as we move forward to maintain health and safety, continue educating and supporting our students, and provide faculty and staff with needed resources.

Second, we all want to be prepared for what this Monday the 23rd will bring. If remote learning has not already started in your courses, then Monday will be the first day. Many at the College have been working diligently to provide a cohesive learning continuity plan, which means 98.5% percent of courses will continue via remote learning, and I want to acknowledge this significant accomplishment. We appreciate all of their efforts to maintain our students' educational endeavors here at NCC.

Again, almost 99% of courses can be instructed remotely and this will occur Monday, if they have not begun already. Faculty members and students should be in correspondence as to what course work will look like throughout the remainder of the semester. If you have not been contacted by your faculty as of now, then please email academics@ncc.edu and include your first and last names and course number(s).

It is imperative that the faculty-student communication is occurring, so students understand what is expected of them as we complete the semester. We are all committed to continuing our students' academic progress with as little disruption as possible.

As a reminder, while the campus is operating remotely our <u>Student Services are still available as well as a number of other resources for students, faculty and staff.</u>

Given the COVID-19 situation is ever-evolving, we are planning to transition all of our summer course offerings to remote instruction. If you have already registered for a summer course, that was listed as being on campus, a College representative will be in touch shortly. If you have not registered for a summer course yet, then we encourage you to do so. There are multiple sessions and course offerings available for you to continue your academic progress through the summer.

We understand that this is a new way of learning, instructing and operating for the majority of us. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and are here to provide insight and answer as many of your questions as we can.

On final note, and with consideration that this unprecedented global pandemic is impacting all of us in so many different ways, please know that I am sending positive thoughts and energy to each of you and your loved ones. Please, take care of yourselves and the special people in your lives. I realize that this is a trying time and normalcy has a different meaning than it did a few weeks ago. We will persevere! We will advance! We are NCC!

Stay safe and healthy.

Regards,

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