

April 13, 2020

Dear Students, Faculty & Staff,

I hope this message finds you all safe, healthy, and rested after a nice break. Welcome back!

Over the break Governor Cuomo extended the stay at home order for the state until April 29th. We will continue to operate as we have been. All classes that have transitioned to remote instruction will continue to operate as so. Essential staff should continue to take direction from their supervisors. All other employees are expected to continue to work remotely and perform their assigned duties or be available to do so during normally scheduled work hours.

Given the COVID-19 pandemic is ever-evolving, and in conversation and consultation with several internal and external constituents, the decision has been made to transition all summer courses to remote instruction. Registration is now open. Summer courses are a great opportunity to ensure academic progress and courses are offered at varying times. There are multiple sessions and courses available. We encourage you all to take a look at the [Summer registration website](#) and register now for this opportunity to continue your education remotely through the summer.

For those faculty and staff instructing online or remotely, our Office of Distance Education is offering tutorial workshops in Zoom, Kaltura, and Blackboard. To register for one of these workshops and for more information click [here](#).

In a previous communication we noted that there would be a change to the Spring 2020 Commencement exercises, in an effort to maintain the health and safety of our graduates and their family, as well as faculty, staff, and all in attendance. We have assembled a Commencement work group that is diligently developing a program that will ensure this momentous occasion is celebrated – virtually. Please continue to check your emails and the website for updates.

As we navigate through these challenging times we want to make you aware that New York State is partnering with the company Headspace to provide New Yorkers with free meditation and mindfulness resources. New Yorkers can access a collection of free guided meditations, along with at-home mindfulness exercises and additional resources to help address rising stress and anxiety. Visit <http://www.headspace.com/ny>.

We will endeavor to finish the semester strong. Please know that your voices, as students, faculty, and staff are heard and we are seeking to provide support to those in need. Unified, I am confident that we will continue to adapt and advance.

Regards,

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