



ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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President

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ACC Students and Employees,

I hope you and your families and friends are all safe and healthy as we continue to work remotely and observe social distancing. I have just a few updates for you regarding some of the things that we have been doing to assist our students.

Gift Cards and Food

Through the generosity of community and employee donors, and funding from our ACC Foundation, nearly \$34,000 in gift cards have been provided to students to assist with living expenses, mostly food. Most of the food from the food bank has also been distributed. The Foundation is still accepting donations for the emergency fund.

CARES Act Funds

We received word Friday that ACC will soon be receiving \$1.138 million dollars from the CARES act which is to be given directly to students as cash grants. We have made the application to receive these funds and are working on criteria for distribution of the funds. The college itself will receive another \$1.138 million at a later date which we may use for a variety of improvements to the college, such as technology or to cover anticipated revenue shortfalls due to COVID-19.

Laptops and Hotspots

Laptops and hotspots have been loaned to many students who lacked the technology to access their online course work and more laptops and hotspots have been ordered for distribution. If you need access to resources, please see our ACC website, and click on the COVID-19 link for information about how you can request resources.

Spring Course Grades

We know that the sudden shift of in person classes to the online format made some students uncomfortable. Therefore, temporarily students may opt to receive a Pass or No Pass grade for their spring semester courses. Upon completion of courses and after seeing the grade assigned by the faculty, students may request that their grade be changed to a P or NP after visiting with an advisor and obtaining written approval. Be sure to check with an advisor for more details.

Summer Courses & Student Service Online

We will continue to offer classes online for all terms in the summer semester to help keep our students and faculty safe. In addition, our remote student services such as advising, counseling, financial aid and access to online tutors and library databases will also continue. Since starting remote student services, 1,600 students have taken advantage of the offerings.

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Assistance to the Health Care Community

In addition to providing support to our students, we are happy to be able to loan equipment such as respirators used in our Respiratory Care program to our area hospitals. We also have donated PPE supplies such as gloves and masks and our Industrial Design department has been making face shields using the college's 3-D printers.

Renovations are Ongoing

Work continues around campus with our maintenance tax bond. Renovations on the Nolan Ryan Center and the H building are currently underway. The area of the former art gallery is being reconfigured to become the Radio and TV station. You can see some of the activity in these photos.



In closing, I am so proud of the work that our faculty and staff have done to move courses and services online and to those staff who are keeping operations on campus going. I am thankful for the continued guidance and support from our Board on how to best serve our students. Most of all I thank our students for their flexibility and determination to complete their courses and degrees. Now more than ever it is critical for them to earn their credential and enter the workforce. I'm also proud to serve as a community college president as I know that community colleges are uniquely poised to help with the economic recovery of our community. I look forward to seeing all of you back on campus when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, stay safe and keep thinking positive thoughts for our community members safety and our country's economic recovery.

Fins up, Dolphins!

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