



A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

To: The College Community
From: President David Gómez, Ed.D.
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Subject: With My Thanks

At a time when we find ourselves in a situation that is literally changing minute by minute, it is understandable there is such fear and anxiety across our community. I am inspired, however, that faculty, students and staff have remained fiercely focused on ensuring that we protect our students and that we do our utmost to maintain instructional continuity. I have never been more proud of being a member of this community.

There have not been many opportunities to take a deep breath over the past few days and weeks. This is why I appreciate colleagues who remind me, and us all, to focus on the need to remain positive, considerate, and loving during this unsettling time. As Lincoln once famously observed:

We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.

I want to take this time to personally express my thanks to all of those in Ed Tech and IT for truly stepping up in this time of crisis. Their efforts, as Prof. Foster said, “represent hope and security for our students and their communities.” I also want to thank all of the faculty, staff and administrators for what they have done and for what I know they will do in the coming weeks. We have truly been touched by the better angels of our nature.

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