

April 20, 2020

Grand View Students,

You did it! Even though it was far from the norm and stressful at times, you made it to the end of the term. Thank you for focusing on your schoolwork despite the pandemic. Thanks also for your cooperation in adapting so suddenly and rapidly.

What about the fall? I want to assure you we are planning to return to in-person classes and normal operations, or come as close to normal as we possibly can. We will consult with public health officials and monitor efforts elsewhere to ensure that we have additional safety measures in place to protect your health. For you athletes, we are also planning for a regular fall season of athletics. Again, we will monitor what's happening elsewhere in the sports world to make sure we do it properly. I remain involved on the Executive Committee of the NAIA; the association shares our goals.

So, while <u>we</u> are planning to return in the fall, we want to help <u>you</u> do the same. I want to encourage you to take advantage of several support systems we have in place:

- Emergency grant funds are still available if you have been financially impacted by COVID-19. The regulations provide us great flexibility in responding to your needs. You simply need to fill out this short <u>form</u> and we will be in touch quickly to provide assistance.
- Your completion coaches and advisors are ready to help with **registering for courses** and to answer any questions you may have about summer or fall terms. We have modified several policies to make it possible for you to continue your studies.
- If the switch to online learning resulted in the need for you to **recover credits by taking courses this summer**, contact us using the emergency grant form; there is funding available to help cover those expenses.
- If you have **summer housing needs** and/or if you need **summer employment**, contact Student Life to see how we might be able to assist you.

We also want to know about your experience with our move to online learning. Your feedback will help us make decisions regarding Grand View's use of technology in the learning environment. You will receive an email from our provost, Dr. Carl Moses, with a link to a survey and also some additional academic-related information that you will find helpful as you plan for the fall.

Thank you again for your flexibility and resiliency. You have impressed me with your spirit and I am counting the days until we can gather once again as a Grand View community. Please enjoy your summer and continue to stay healthy. We are eager to welcome you back this fall.

Go Vikings!

Sincerely,

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