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Dear Westminster Community,

As we are all painfully aware, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a threat to worldwide health and well-being, and our small corner of the world is no exception. While our campus currently remains safe and our students, faculty, and staff are thriving, we want to keep it that way. These concerns have weighed heavily upon the minds of our faculty and staff these last few weeks, and it is with disappointment that we must make the unfortunate decision to postpone or cancel all major in-person alumni events this fall, with the exception of Commencement and New Student Convocation.

All Alumni Weekend 2020 events the College scheduled for the weekend of October 2-4 will be postponed until a later date. In addition, Homecoming and Parents' Weekend will be canceled this year. Please watch for further communication concerning President's Dinner, which will be released soon.

It is becoming somewhat trite to say that these are "unprecedented times," but they truly are. Take heart that in the history of Westminster College, we have suffered through many other times of hardship, from severe financial losses to massive fires to the Spanish Flu, which hit our campus from 1918 to 1919, forcing our fraternities to be converted into local hospital space. I am confident we will come out of this difficult time stronger than ever.

You will receive updates about our postponed events as new decisions are made. Meanwhile, please stay healthy, and keep our campus community, especially our students, in your thoughts. We will get through this difficult time together, as Westminster has managed to do successfully since 1851.

Sincerely,

Donald P. Lofe, Jr. Interim President and Chief Transformation Officer

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