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Dear Westminster Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

This is a challenging time for everyone. As the COVID-19 crisis continues to develop throughout our nation, we hope that each individual within our Westminster community — including you and your family — is healthy and safe.

Unfortunately, our students are facing unprecedented disruptions in their academic journeys as they transition to remote learning. Some are finding their jobs or their parents' positions have been eliminated, or work hours have been cut short. In addition to the physical closure of the Westminster campus and the cancellation of our college-related events, numerous programs throughout the nation that affect our students also have been canceled or suddenly eliminated.

Many of you have reached out to ask how you can help during these uncertain times. While Westminster already has taken significant steps to protect our campus community, we want to do even more to support our students on an individual level, especially those who are experiencing hardship as a result of COVID-19.

If you're looking for a way to help, please consider contributing to the WC Student Emergency Fund by following this link. After selecting the amount you wish to give, simply go to "Fund" and select "Other." Under "Special Instructions," type in "Student Emergency Fund."

This particular fund will help our Office of Financial Aid, in collaboration with Student Life, in providing direct support to our students in assisting them with such necessities as lost wages, housing, food, relocation costs, and other essentials, including technology, household goods, clothing, and textbooks.

The challenges brought about by this pandemic are affecting all of our students, particularly our most vulnerable first-generation and low-income students. Thank you

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Please stay safe and well as we stand together with our Blue Jay Nation.

Warm regards,

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