

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Students and Colleagues:

Thank you for taking time today to view [my video](#) with important updates about the University's response to the COVID-19 public health crisis. A summary of the information in the video is provided below.

I would like start by reiterating my gratitude to the entire University community for their dedication to our educational mission. The faculty have shown tremendous willingness to move the entire University curriculum to an online platform. University staff have provided a range of support efforts to assist the faculty and administration to keep essential University operations functioning.

To our students, I am especially grateful for your grace and patience while so many options and decisions have been under discussion. I know you are concerned about your return to campus and graduate centers and your academic progress. Our decisions are being made in the best interest of your safety and well-being and the safety and well-being of those around you.

On a daily basis, the University's senior leadership closely monitors the guidance from state and federal officials to make decisions that are right for the Franklin Pierce community. While the COVID-19 public health circumstances continue to change rapidly, one thing remains constant: the most effective ways to slow the spread of COVID-19, and hopefully prevent its arrival at Franklin Pierce, are time and social distancing.

For this reason and based on the guidance of the CDC and state and federal health officials, we have decided the University will continue with the remote learning/instruction format through the remainder of the term/semester. Graduate students have already transitioned online and undergraduates will hear from their faculty with detailed directions on how to begin online instruction next week, on March 30, as planned.


I ask that you continue to demonstrate your patience as the University senior administration continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation and engage in discussions

about when you can return to campus for your belongings and about room and board credits. Dean Pollom and I will be speaking with Senior Class officers this week to hear their feedback and ideas should we need to postpone the commencement celebration. Please continue to check your email and the [University's website](#) for additional information as these and other decisions are made.

None of us could have predicted the impact of COVID-19 or the enormity of the community action that would be required to combat it. At a time when we most need one another's personal reassurances, friendly faces, daily hugs and laughter, we are being asked to remain apart so we can ultimately come back together in the community we cherish, RavenNation.

Please continue to diligently practice preventative measures to increase your safety and the safety of those around you. We will continue to support each other and provide one another with the care, resources, and sense of connection that makes us Franklin Pierce.

Sincerely,



Kim Mooney
President