



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Dear students,

Welcome back from your extended spring break. I realize this is a very stressful time for you. I wanted to take this opportunity to assure you that the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will do everything possible to support you as we finish out the semester. We will work alongside your departments and professors to make sure you are taken care of during these challenging times.

By now, you should be in communication with your professors regarding plans for the rest of the semester. If you have not heard from a professor, or if you have additional questions, please contact your academic advisor or your department to get the information you need to be successful. Most staff members are also working remotely, so I encourage you to make contact via email.

NIU has launched a website devoted to helping you transition to non-face-to-face instruction. Check out the [Keep Learning](#) website for resources and practical tips on using online-learning platforms. The website also includes valuable information on how to access technical assistance and [student support](#) remotely. A [Student FAQ](#) page is also available to answer your questions. If you need assistance and don't know who to turn to, please contact [David Ballantine](#), associate dean of undergraduate affairs.

The [CLAS Advising Office](#) also is available to provide assistance, answer questions and help you register for summer or fall classes. Advisors are working remotely, so you need to make an appointment by calling 815-753-0114 or via email at CLAS_Advising_Office@niu.edu.

I have strongly encouraged your professors and instructors to be patient and flexible with you as we re-start classes. I ask the same of you. These are uncharted waters for all of us as well, and faculty are doing their best.

COVID-19 pandemic developments occur daily, and some of them affect how NIU conducts business. I encourage you to check your NIU email regularly and to visit the [NIU Coronavirus](#) website for updates and information on [campus support services](#). In addition to staying informed, I encourage you to take some downtime to take care of yourselves and your families. The current environment can affect us mentally as well as physically. Be kind to yourself and those around you. Be patient with others in these stressful times. Take a moment to enjoy the first signs of spring.

I know this is not how you anticipated the semester would unfold. But I want you to remember that a cadre of faculty and staff members are here to support you. We're all members of the Huskie pack and there's strength in numbers.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judy Ledgerwood'.

Judy Ledgerwood
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