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Dear Employees,

I want to thank you for your efforts adapting to change and encourage you to finish the semester with strength and confidence. We are stronger when we work together and we will come through this experience stronger than before.

You may have heard the Federal government passed a relief act known as CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security). A component of CARES applies to higher education and is called the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). The Department of Education has directed participating institutions to distribute these funds to students directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Chadron State College students are eligible to receive grants from this fund as outlined by the guidance provided by the Department of Education.

Emergency financial aid grants from the advanced funds are available, directly to students, for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare expenses.

Chadron State College has developed a survey that will assist students to identify expenses covered by the grant, and the college will use this survey to determine the grant amount students may receive. The survey link was sent to the EagleMail accounts of students meeting Department of Education qualifications. If students experience issues with accessing or completing the survey they have been asked to email emergencyrelief@csc.edu or call 1-800-CHADRON. Please encourage students to complete the survey so that we can disperse the available emergency aid as quickly as possible.

Again, thank you for everything you are doing to support our students and each other as we meet the challenges and opportunities we are currently encountering. I have great confidence that we will come through this difficult experience united in our commitment to Chadron State College’s mission and each other.

Be well,

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Randy Rhine
President