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Good Afternoon,

Colby Community College has vigorously been following the developments on the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). In light of the continuing concerns regarding COVID-19 Colby Community College has elected to shift all classes online for the duration of the spring semester. **Beginning on March 30, 2020**, all programs/courses will shift to an online/hybrid modality. Expect further communication from your instructors. Please know these decisions are not made lightly but are made in the interest of the safety for our students, employees, and the communities we serve. This has been an extremely difficult choice, but one we believe that is the right decision.

Technical programs (i.e., Beef Management, Dental Hygiene, Farm and Ranch Management, Horse Production, Massage Therapy, Physical Therapist Assistant, Practical Nursing, Registered Nursing, Sustainable/Renewable Energy, and Veterinary Nursing) will receive direct guidance from their respective program directors.

Colby Community College has created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section on their website to help answer questions <https://www.colbycc.edu/about/public-info/covid-19/covid-19-faqs.html>. This website is being updated frequently to ensure all students' questions are being addressed.

Colby Community College's graduation ceremony will not occur as it was normally scheduled, on May 8, 2020. In accordance with recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the ceremony will be delivered in alternate format or at an alternate date. All campus-related activities have been cancelled until further notice.

On a personal level, I am truly sorry for the disruption in your education. We examined a multitude of potential solutions to keep the academic term intact; unfortunately, as more and more health risks have been identified, this was the best solution. Thank you so much for being a part of the Trojan Family. Please remain positive and we will get through this difficult time together.

Respectfully,

**President, Colby Community College**