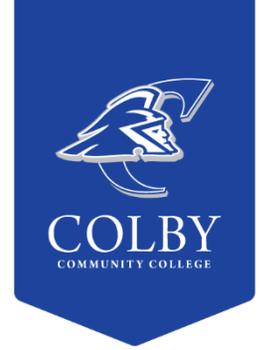


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We hope everyone is staying safe and doing well. The month of May is off to a better start, and things are slowly opening back up. At the end of April, the governor unveiled her plan gradually reopen Kansas. I am hopeful that the phase-in-approach will continue to go as planned. The situation has been difficult for everyone involved. I continue to be impressed by the resolve of Northwest Kansas and the way our communities have adjusted and supported each other.

On May 18, Colby Community College (CCC) will shift to having the standard summer group of employees physically on campus. Our approach for bringing employees back on campus directly follows the governor's guidelines for reopening. Students or community members will not return to campus until June 1, at the earliest. We are also prohibiting all non-essential employee travel to promote and maintain public health and safety.

Enrollment has continued to be very strong; however, we do anticipate a slight decrease in total enrollment for the fall. The summer enrollment is also tracking to be slightly up or relatively flat. In light of the current circumstances, we believe this is very positive. The College launched a marketing campaign on May 1 that runs through September 15 to attract students to our community and the College.

In the last update, I discussed that Colby Community College was selected to be a pilot site for the Second Chance Pell Experiment at the Norton Correctional Facility. The Department of Education received more than 180 letters of interest, and CCC was fortunate enough to be one of the 67 institutions that will participate in the second cohort.

For the first time in school history, Colby Community College is hosting a virtual commencement on May 15, at 6:00 p.m., to recognize all graduates and credential earners from the academic year. Please note, having a virtual graduation ceremony was not our first choice to honor student accomplishments. Unfortunately, unprecedented times call for unprecedented actions. Our administrative team felt the students' accomplishments need to be recognized and honored. On behalf of the College, I am sorry this is done online, but please know it does not mitigate or lessen any accomplishments of the graduates. The College is so proud of the students, and we know their future is immensely bright.

We hope everyone is staying safe. Again, this is a challenging and unique time, but we will get through it together. I look forward to seeing everyone soon. Take care.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Seth Macon Carter". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Seth Macon Carter