



June 30, 2020

Greetings from Colby Community College. We hope everyone is staying safe and doing well. There have been a lot of exciting updates and happenings on campus. We are currently working on several new ADA-compliant doors on campus (13 different areas). CCC is still working on renovating classrooms (new flooring, fresh paint) and gearing up for the start of the fall semester.

We wanted to provide the community with an update on how CCC will be operating for the fall. Currently, the College is planning a traditional but condensed fall semester, starting as scheduled on Monday, August 17. We will alternate the first six Fridays for Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday classes to meet the required seat time. Finals will be on Monday, November 23, and Tuesday, November 24, of Thanksgiving week. All face-to-face courses will be finished by Thanksgiving, and students will not return to campus until the Spring 2021 Semester.

Online classes will continue as scheduled. All other fall sessions (i.e., 12-Week, 8-Week 2, and 4-Week) will transition to mainly an online format with a limited number of face-to-face courses. Specific technical programs will continue to follow their regular schedule and class modalities; however, program directors will provide additional guidance. Developments to the current situation are monitored daily. The impacts of these changes create a need for us to have alternative plans and remain adaptable.

If a traditional semester is not possible, we will explore the option for general education classes to be transitioned online, and specific technical programs will be modified accordingly to preserve the value of hands-on learning. In the event the pandemic prevents face-to-face classes, we will explore online learning for all programs.

On a somber note, we are extremely saddened to report the loss of Ms. Carolyn Armstrong, a former Colby Community College board member, and former city manager of Colby. She was a wonderful person who cared deeply about western Kansas and advancing the area. In my opinion, she is a big part of the reason why Colby is such an incredible place to live. She helped make many formative decisions that made it such an inviting place to raise a family and be a part of the community.

I owe Ms. Armstrong an extreme debt of gratitude. She was on the original interview committee that selected me to serve as president of CCC. When I arrived, the College was in a transitional phase and had the opportunity for improvement. She was wonderfully supportive and always provided a steady presence of leadership on the board. She was knowledgeable and had so much life experience as the city manager. The impression Ms. Armstrong made on this community and College will be forever felt. On behalf of Colby Community College, thank you, Carolyn.

In these times of uncertainty, I continue to reflect on how fortunate I am to be in this community. At the College, I have the opportunity to interact with many different individuals and businesses. The one thing that remains constant throughout all of the change is the resolve and willingness to help. I still think about the advice I received at the beginning of the pandemic, that we are all one day closer to some better news. I still 100% believe that and feel like we are getting closer. Please take care and stay safe.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Seth Macon Carter". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Seth Macon Carter