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Dear Campus Community,

I want to share a few thoughts with you as we enter our third week of distance learning.

Thank you for your commitment to our students. In writing them today, I said that while disconnection is felt across our now extended campus, the care we feel for each and every one of them is not diminished. It is deep and heartfelt.

**Learning and Adapting**
We are learning and adapting daily just like our students. This is not unique to SUNY Plattsburgh, but it is our intention to have a collective response to them and to each other that does stand out. Please remain open to feedback from students and your peers as you shift learning, grading and support methods to address their needs. I appreciate how so many of you are sharing stories with each other and making changes as you do.

I know [remote course advising continues this week](#). I appreciate the commitment of each advisor as you help our students and give of your own time so generously.

**Graduating and Recognizing**
For our graduating seniors, the delayed commencement program is more than a disappointment. Many of them are hurting in ways we cannot fully comprehend. While we cannot erase the virus, we can strive to do more to recognize their incredible accomplishment. My hope is we can do several things over the next months to celebrate their success and investment over years at Plattsburgh. Stay tuned.

For four seniors, the recognition is statewide. They have been recognized with the Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence. [You can read about them here](#). They would typically be welcomed at a ceremony in Albany. As that will not take place this year, we will look for another way to recognize them and their tremendous achievement.

**Disruption is Not Forever**
Words are not enough at this stage to capture how we feel or where we are. Whether it is shopping for food or doing homework, everything is different. And it will be for some time. Please reach out for assistance and help if needed.

This disruption is for a time; it is not forever. The Cardinal community lives on and will long after COVID-19 is history.

Thank you again for your commitment to our students. I am so very proud of your work.

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