Dear Carrollton Community,

Happy Mother’s Day! In my earlier update I mentioned that motherhood is one of the greatest expressions of hope for the future. In the words of Harriet Hartigan, “Giving birth and being born brings us into the essence of creation, where the human spirit is courageous and bold and the body, a miracle of wisdom.” You can find a link to it [here](#) for a special Mother’s Day Mass posted by Father Vallee.

At Carrollton, while taking care of the present, we are also busily preparing for the future. We have created 5 teams that are brainstorming and creating drafts of policies, procedures, and protocols for a variety of future scenarios. They are as follows: Teaching and Program Management, Campus Operations, Health, Safety and People Management, Financial and Legal, External Communications.

While no one can predict exactly where we will be in August, we are exploring the following scenarios in order to be prepared to continue providing our students with the best possible program dedicated to the full mission of Carrollton as expressed in the [Goals and Criteria](#). They are as follows: New Normal - a return to on-campus classes with social distancing measures in place; Hybrid - a combination of on-campus and remote learning; Remote Learning for all – campus closed; Fluid – going from New Normal to Hybrid, to Remote for some time next year.

We anticipate reviewing all the drafts in early June and communicating with you throughout the summer with regard to the conditions and policies under which we anticipate opening in August. Some action steps have already arisen from the early work of these groups. To name a few, our IT department has developed a proposal to make all our classrooms live and remote learning capable, in order to enable students who may not be able to attend class physically, to attend the live class remotely. We are measuring all classrooms and possible new teaching areas to ascertain safe occupancy under any potential distancing guidelines, we are exploring the positioning of additional handwashing stations, and we are creating PPE supply orders.

Our greatest hope is to return to school as normal. Thus, we are committed to keeping all our faculty and staff employed for the coming year. We understand the economic challenges faced by many and have worked to make additional funds available to those who qualify. Please do not hesitate to reach out to [Ana Roye](mailto:ana.roye@carrollton.edu) for financial aid or to [Cayten Clark](mailto:cayten.clark@carrollton.edu) for adjustments to your payment plan.

On behalf of all of Carrollton, I express my deepest gratitude to those who have given so graciously to the Emergency Relief Fund, as well as those who have volunteered to change their tuition plan to pay the full tuition immediately. The generosity and service to others reflected in these gifts exemplifies the strength of our parent body and community in general.

God bless all mothers,

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Motherhood is a million little moments that God weaves together with grace, redemption, laughter, tears and most of all, love. - Lysa TerKeurst