

STATE OF EDUCATION

May 20, 2020 🎓 President Lawrence L. Rouse, Ed.D.



INITIAL RESPONSE ...

- Altered Housekeeping Routines to Implement Increased Health and Safety Measures
- Extended Spring Break One Week to Move Traditional Classroom Courses Online
- Transitioned Employees to Telework
- Established a Coronavirus Webpage on the PCC Website and a PCC Student Coronavirus Hotline
- Loaned Laptops/Mobile Hotspots to Students through Library
- Closed Campus to General Public to Ensure Health Safety of Essential Employees Who Must Work from Campus

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS ...

- TASC — Tutorial and Academic Success Center Moves ‘Exam Jam’ Online (For two days, TASC held group tutoring and one-on-one sessions and offered a ‘walk-in’ option to answer quick questions.)
- Academic Advising, Personal Counseling and Career Services — All Moved Online
- PCC Foundation Reduced Annual Spring Fundraiser to Online Auction Only and Raised \$29,000 for Student Scholarships
- Extended WiFi Internet Access into Parking Lot Outside Fulford and Simon Buildings for Students to Utilize from Their Cars
- Waived Student Activity Fees for 2020 Summer Semester

VIDEO CONFERENCING ...

- Employees Utilizing Teams, WebEx and Zoom to Communicate with Students and Colleagues
- Tutoring and Academic Support Center Offering Tutoring Services through Zoom
- Online and Virtual Training Sessions for Faculty, Staff and Leaders
- President's Leadership Team – Meeting Scheduled Every 2 Weeks
- Trustees Held Their First Virtual Board Meeting and Committee Meetings
- Beginning to Use Video Conferencing for Various Advisory Boards and Committees

ENCOURAGEMENT ...

- Student Messages Sent from the President's Office Encouraging Them to Remain Focused, Utilize PCC Support Services and Finish Out the Semester
- Faculty Asked to Give Students Adequate Time to Complete Coursework by Assigning Students "Incomplete" Grades Rather than "Official Withdrawals" (Less impact on financial aid eligibility.)
- Small Business Center Stepping up Efforts to Help Local Entrepreneurs Survive Current Economic Downturn
- Published Stories and Videos Featuring PCC Graduates/Current Students Helping Battle the Coronavirus Pandemic

CARES ACT ...

- PCC Notified It Will Receive More than \$5.5 million in Federal Relief Aid through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Signed into Law March 27
- At Least 50 Percent Must be Spent on Student Aid
- Notified Eligible Students and Received More Than 2,000 Applications; Already Awarded More than \$1 million in Emergency Student Aid
- Administrators Making Plans for Allocating Remaining CARES Act Funding (Improved technology for online course delivery is a focus.)

MOVING FORWARD ...

- Virtual Graduation – PCC’s Class of 2020 (1,196 grads who earned a combined 1,847 degrees, diplomas and certificates) will be honored during a ceremony that goes live online June 1 and will remain active for viewing for one year
- Registration – Course signup for summer and fall has taken place strictly online; Payment, new student orientation and academic advising have also been online
- Summer Courses – Classes being offered via the internet (and some in-person)
- “Trade Your Job for a Career” — Encouraging underemployed and those seeking a change in employment to consider PCC enrollment
- Contingency Plans for fall include some in-person and hybrid courses
- Athletics — Unsure about upcoming seasons, particularly volleyball, but our coaches are recruiting and signing players per NJCAA rules and determining how to manage rosters due to extended eligibility for spring sports
- President Establishes Task Force to Develop Plans for Re-Opening in the Fall

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