



April 30, 2020

Dear Bennett Belles,

The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic has presented Bennett College students with many challenges such as unanticipated moves, including leaving residence halls, friends and the familiar learning environment on campus. Bennett College will be receiving approximately \$384,399 in CARES Act emergency financial relief funds to help students with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. The legislation grants the College broad authority in how the money is awarded.

Bennett College is committed to providing all students with emergency financial relief grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. We are small and so we are able to keep close tabs on each of you. There is not a single Belle whose life has not been disrupted and our hearts go out to you and your families.

We recognize that all students have experienced a variety of challenges and disruptions connected to the coronavirus including housing and food insecurity, loss of employment, changes in childcare, and lack of access to reliable technology and Wi-Fi.

Emergency financial relief grants will be made to each full-time student in the amount of \$1,500 on their MobileOne debit card. Part-time students will receive an amount on their MobileOne debit card based on their credit hours (\$100 per credit hour) during the Spring 2020 semester. Please note: These grants may be taxable to each student.

Once we have received the funding from the Federal Government, we will begin our COVID-19 emergency financial relief grants to students. More details will be shared via email as they become known to us. Please make sure we have all of your updated contact information.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Catherine Hurd, VP – Enrollment Management or James Hastings, VP - Finance.

These are challenging VUCA (volatile, uncertain, complex, ambiguous) times. With this support we hope to lessen the VUCA of this moment so that you may stay healthy and as focused as possible on continuing your academic journeys.

Sincerely,

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