



VIRGINIA UNION
UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 20, 2020

Dear Panther Family.

I pray this letter finds you and your family safe. To those who are experiencing loss and illness, we are fervently praying for your healing and comfort. We are a family and together, we will continue to meet the challenges we face. As I walk around campus, it is difficult seeing our quiet campus during a time when it is usually vibrant and full of students, faculty, and staff. We miss you and look forward to seeing you back on campus and celebrating our graduates in the near future.

CARES Act: Virginia Union University has been approved for federal emergency relief aid due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A portion of the funding is reserved to help with student needs. You can access the form to apply for support, using your VUU email address, by clicking the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o1lcxrNwkUiZVZGGesxkzFOdXfFDxDVCnCDr1DwJZoFUNzVQTFRLMVIIR0hFNUxGtK1US0hTNU1QVC4u>

If you are an enrolled Spring 2020 student and do not have a VUU email address, contact ITC@vuu.edu. You can learn more about the CARES Act at: www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr748/BILLS-116hr748enr.pdf.

Safety: The health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff continue to be our top priority. Our Facilities Management team, faculty, staff, and students including SGA are participating in ongoing environmental safety training to safeguard our campus.

Students: Classes end in 10 days! Please continue to study and attend your virtual classes. Our faculty and staff are here to assist you along the way to academic success. We want you to finish your classes #VUUStrong! Here are some of the ways we are working to assist you:

- The VUU Call Center remains open to address questions/concerns in a timely manner. Call 804-257-5673 during the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- The answers to many of your questions can be found on our VUU Coronavirus 2020 FAQs webpage at www.vuu.edu/coronavirus-2020/students

- All student services are now virtual to include Tutoring and Testing Services and Student Engagement
- Expanded health services to include Televisits via VUU's CAHN partnership. If you feel ill, call them at 804-780-0840.

The Graduating Senior Survey will be released on Monday, April 20, 2020 via email to all graduating seniors. The Graduating Senior Survey is an opportunity for seniors to provide feedback on their VUU matriculation, preparation, and engagement.

Student Course Evaluations are due by May 9, 2020. We encourage all students to complete course evaluations, as your voice is valued and valuable. This is an opportunity to share how VUU can improve instruction, learning environments, and the way we interface with students.

We will continue to keep everyone updated as we work towards your return to campus life. We love you and miss you. Together we will get through this pandemic.

With Panther Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HJ Lucas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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