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Greetings Students, Faculty and Staff,

As we reach the end of another week in our new normal, it comes with a wide range of emotions.

Gov. Greg Abbott allowed the stay-at-home order to expire on Thursday, and today restaurants and other businesses are re-opening. Opinions vary on the wisdom of these decisions, but if you choose to venture out, we strongly encourage everyone to follow precautions, such as wearing a mask and to adhere to social distancing policies.



The end of this week also marks the beginning of finals week, and the culmination of an extraordinarily challenging period for all of our students, faculty and staff. The conclusion of any semester is cause for celebration, yet this one also comes with the stark reality that

the COVID-19 pandemic has presented significant hardships for many of our UNT Dallas families and community members. Thursday's North Texas Food Bank mobile pantry was the third one we've held in the span of a month, and puts the crisis into perspective.

With each mobile food drive, the line of cars has grown longer. For four hours Thursday, the Texas National Guard loaded boxes of food into cars. Through the three food pantries, the NTFB estimated that approximately 200,000 pounds of food were distributed to nearly 4,000

households. People are hurting. The [CBS Evening News \(6-minute mark\) used coverage of Thursday's food pantry](#) as part of its report on rising unemployment and the growing need for food across the country.

With all that in mind, to our seniors on the verge of becoming UNT Dallas graduates, and to all of our families and community members who are doing their best to make it through this difficult time, here's to finishing the Spring 2020 semester strong.

STUDENTS: APPLY FOR COVID-19 FEDERAL EMERGENCY FINANCIAL GRANTS

If you need financial assistance because of the COVID-19 crisis, please apply for the [Federal Emergency Financial Grants to Students by using this eApplication](#). Applicants will be reviewed on first-come, first-served basis. You will be notified of your application status via your student email. Eligibility requirements to receive federal funds:

- Must have been enrolled as of March 13, 2020
- Must **not** have been enrolled exclusively in online classes or programs **prior** to March 13, 2020
- You must be Title IV eligible (or could be Title IV eligible), utilizing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

The UNT Dallas College of Law has collaborated with the AccessLex Institute to provide COVID-19 emergency grants. Eligibility requirements:

- Must have been enrolled in the College of Law as of March 13, 2020
- Must have a COVID-19-related financial hardship
- Must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

For specific questions about eligibility for these grants, or the application process, contact studentsolutions@untdallas.edu.

COLLEGE OF LAW GRAD VOLUNTEERS IN A QUEENS POP-UP HOSPITAL, LEARNS HE PASSED THE BAR

The College of Law faculty and staff know the high caliber of students they teach. Now the rest of us are learning the caliber of people they are, too. College of Law alumnus Jim Mullen recently received acclaim from a number of news outlets for his decision to leave his job and family to volunteer in a New York City hospital overwhelmed by COVID-19 patients.



Another College of Law alumnus, John Kiraly, has done the same. Kiraly is serving as a volunteer at a New York pop-up hospital for COVID-19 patients. The May 2019 graduate was placed in a field hospital in the United States Tennis Association's

Billie Jean King National Tennis Court in Queens. A U.S. Army veteran, Kiraly says he is committed to volunteering there until the field hospital shuts down – no matter how long that may take.

“My daughter asked me one day, ‘Why do you have to go?’ Kiraly told Angela Morris, a Texas litigation reporter for ALM Media. “I said, ‘If not me, then who?’ If you have the ability to go help, you should go.”

To read the full story, [click here](#).

STUDENTS: SPRING 2020 BOOK RENTAL EXTENSION AND SHIPPING INFORMATION

Due to our campus closure, the UNT Dallas bookstore has extended the non-return charge window to June 4. There are two ways to return your rental:

- Sign into your UNT Dallas account and print the free return shipping label to mail back to the bookstore. On the Rentals page, click “Return all Rentals by Mail.” Ship to the bookstore using the Free return Shipping Label and Packing Slip. Write your return address on the shipping label. Shipping instructions are included on the packing slip. To avoid late fees, your shipment must be submitted to a FedEx Ground location.
- If the campus bookstore has not re-opened and you do not want to ship your books via the free return shipping offer, you may return them to the UNT Dallas Police Department on the first floor of Founders Hall. To do so, you must complete and include the Spring 2020 Rental Return Form attached to the top of this email.

KEVIN ROCHA EXPANDS ROLE

Kevin Rocha has assumed the new role of Associate Chief Information Officer. He will retain all of his current duties, while taking on the responsibilities of working as part of the UNT System IT leadership team, as well as the new UNT Dallas Esports Director. After spending 20 years at Smith College, Rocha has worked the last five years on the UNT Dallas campus.

STUDENTS: ONLINE SUMMER SESSIONS; REGISTER FOR FALL, TOO

[Registration for Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021](#) is open for all students. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all Summer 2020 sessions will be conducted in a virtual learning format:

ONLINE SUMMER SESSIONS
3-week session – May 18 to June 6
8-week session – May 18 to July 11
5-week session – June 8 to July 11
10-week session – June 8 to Aug. 14
5-week session II – July 13 to Aug. 15

We are making the registration process easier with the introduction of multi-semester registration. This allows you to register for all semesters between Summer 2020 and Summer 2021. For full details about registration, [click here](#).

KEEP OUR HOTLINE NUMBERS HANDY

While the transition to virtual learning continues to run smoothly, if you experience difficulties accessing your virtual classrooms, or have any other questions, please call or text your respective hotline phone number:

- **Students: 972-638-9164**
- **Faculty/Staff: 972-638-9165**
- **Schedule a medical/mental telehealth appointment with the Student Health Clinic: 972-338-1793**
- **Also check our [Student FAQ](#) and [Faculty/Staff FAQ](#)**

REMINDERS:

- The main campus and College of Law are closed until further notice; all offices are working remotely. If for any reason you need access to a building, including the College of Law, contact Johnny Bullock at Johnny.Bullock@untdallas.edu or 817-219-7677.
- Students are permitted on campus to return rental books to the UNT Dallas Police Department on the first floor of Founders Hall.
- Continue to check our web page, untdallas.edu/covid, and follow [@untdallas](https://twitter.com/untdallas) on Twitter for the most up-to-date information.

Be safe. Take precautions.