

Coronavirus Update # 13 – 5/8/20 We Persevered Together

To ACPHS Community,

This is my thirteenth and last weekly Coronavirus Update for the semester. During these past 13 weeks, we've faced countless challenges and made far reaching decisions to ensure a safe and successful completion of the academic year. I applaud your collective efforts and have never been prouder of how our ACPHS community pulled together. We showed admirable persistence, tenacity and good judgment as we navigated these unsettling times.

While no one can dispute the old saying "the only thing that is constant is change," no one expected the world to change so dramatically and so quickly in the grips of a pandemic. For the Class of 2020, this unforeseen change regrettably has denied you the commencement and associated milestone ceremonies you anticipated and were so looking forward to. I share your disappointment and loss. Please know we are doing all we can in these unprecedented circumstances to ensure you all get the recognition and celebratory moments you deserve at the in-person ceremonies being planned for the fall.

What hasn't changed is the cycle of academic life. While our graduates embark on the next stage in their career journey, in a few months we will welcome a new class of ACPHS students. These students are entering a changing academic landscape as you are leaving it. These students, like those generations before them, will put their individual and collective stamps on the College. Year after year, this progression plays out. Even in rapidly changing times, the cycle of academic life continues.

While this is my last weekly update for the semester, I will continue to communicate the decisions made as we work through the hurdles to bring our campus back into face-to-face mode. We must be prepared for a "new normal" and I will be sharing the financial decisions and plans for the fall semester.

In the meantime, remember that we will always share the bond of being part of not only the close-knit ACPHS community, but a community that persevered through this pandemic together.

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