



BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Office of the President

VIA EMAIL

27 March 2020

TO: Faculty, Staff, Administrators and Students of Bishop State Community College

RE: *Bishop State Community College Update*

We are facing some dire challenges in our lives at this time that are unseen and unheard of. The Coronavirus COVID-19 has appeared without notice and as such has intruded into our lives, interrupting our normal life as we know it and having us to re-think and restructure our lives in order to remain safe. Each day, I am thinking of faculty, staff, administrators, students and supporters of Bishop State as we modify how we work and learn.

As president of Bishop State, it is my desire to make this life-changing impact on your academics to be as seamless as possible with your studies. I have assembled a COVID-19 team at the College to address concerns and make the best decisions for our students. Please note that the College's most important goal is the safety and health of students, faculty and staff; but at the same time, I want students to be able to complete this semester.

I am very proud of the faculty, staff and administrators for the way they have reached out to students and for the support they are providing. I want our students to have a successful spring semester and we are available to provide assistance during these challenging times. Administrators, faculty and staff are available to assist students and we have tutorial service available Online.

As president of this institution, I want to make sure students are receiving their Online instruction or an alternative method of instruction. If we have to continue with the Online instructional delivery and you have Internet capabilities but do not have a computer, current students will be allowed to check-out a computer at the recommendation of their instructor to complete course work. We continue to look at alternative methods of instruction for our career/technical laboratory requirements. We are in the process of planning for the summer semester. Everything is so fluid right now, so we are planning for different formats such as mini-terms, face-to face, if possible, or totally Online instruction. Unfortunately, we are having to postpone all workforce training until further notice.

The following College events or activities have been canceled or postponed:

- ❖ Phi Theta Kappa, All-Alabama luncheon has been canceled, students will receive their state recognition.
- ❖ Graduation is postponed to a later date, hopefully in August.

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- ❖ The spring Linemen program was scheduled to start in June, but it has been postponed. It will begin some time during the summer.
- ❖ The Foundation Gala has been postponed until summer.
- ❖ All athletic games/practices and scheduled events on campus have been canceled.

Please monitor your campus email for updates. As we get information from the state, we will relay that information to the community and our students. All campuses are closed, but faculty and staff can be reached through their email.

Finally, we all are working from home, so reach out to your instructors for help. Continue to check your email and webpage for additional College information.

Be safe and remember that ***"We Are All In This Together"***!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Reggie Sykes".

Reggie Sykes, Ed.D.

President

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