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A Message from Dr. Lynda Villanueva – President of Lee College

Dear Colleagues,

I'm writing today to seek your help. Lee College is going to use our COVID-19 emergency funding to provide free tuition this summer to the vast majority of students we serve. This includes all 2020 graduates in our service area, returning Spring students, displaced workers, and all new and returning in-district students. While millions of students and their families around the country struggle with the loss of jobs and income and are faced with the reality that attending a university or college may no longer be a possibility, Lee College has taken bold steps to ensure that students can begin, continue and complete their educational journeys. In these times of fear and uncertainty, Lee College chooses to focus on hopes and dreams.

I have two important requests. First, I am asking everyone who is available to teach this summer to consider teaching at least one class. Even one class can make a huge difference in the lives of our students. As an incentive to attract the highest quality talent, adjunct pay will be increased to \$2500 for a 3-credit-hour class, and if you are a full-time faculty member, you will receive \$517 on top of your regular summer pay for every 3-credit-hour lecture class you teach. Please reach out to your Division Chair today and let him or her know that you are ready to help.

The Lee College Board of Regents fully supports this initiative and unanimously passed a resolution to make this possible. I know you join me in appreciating their support.

Second, to handle a possible surge in enrollment, some of you will be asked to perform new tasks and to cross-train in new areas. I recognize that I am asking a great deal from each of you, but I know that our Lee College family is up to the challenge. I also want you to know that we are actively looking for an instructional designer to support you, because I know how hard this is. I believe we shine brightest when we need each other. In these times of social distancing, we can be together, even when we are apart.

Thank you for all you do to support our Lee College students.

You can also learn more by listening to this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ltUKbfrQ4E>

All the best,

Dr. Lynda Villanueva | President