

May 19, 2020

Dear Carteret Community College Students,

For many of you, this is a week of rest between a challenging spring semester and an uncertain summer semester. For some, it marks a transition after completing all of the requirements for graduation. For still others, this week finds you wondering when and how you will complete spring courses with labs that could not be delivered online. Wherever this week finds you, please know that we at Carteret Community College are paying close attention to national, state, and local guidance for a safe return to classes and work, and we will communicate with you shortly about next steps in that process.

You should have received an email from Carteret's Financial Aid Office last week about the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Carteret Community College received \$387,473 in federal relief funds for distribution to qualifying students to help cover expenses related to the disruption of learning and course completion due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To receive funds, students must have been enrolled in a seated, web-enhanced, or hybrid course in spring 2020, have registered for summer or fall 2020 classes, and be eligible to receive federal financial aid (as determined by a completed FAFSA form). If you meet these conditions and have expenses related to COVID-19, such as childcare, technology to complete online classes, health care, food, housing, or course materials that are not exclusively for online classes, you may be eligible for CARES Act funding. Completed [applications](#) can be emailed to financialaid@carteret.edu. You will be notified by campus email if you qualify.

Grant amounts vary by student, based on numbers of credit hours taken. The College is currently processing the grants, and students should begin receiving grants this week. The Financial Aid Office will mail your check to the address on file at the College. **Please note: the address on your CARES Act application must match your address in Carteret Compass. If your address in Carteret Compass is not correct, please update your address by submitting a Change of Personal Information Form**, available at <http://www.carteret.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Change-of-Personal-Information.pdf>.

We hope the CARES Act funding will provide some financial relief for affected students and their families. For more information on CARES Act funds distributed by Carteret Community College, visit <https://www.carteret.edu/c-a-r-e-s-act/>.

The Student Services Care Team continues to conduct daily Zoom Virtual Cafés for students in need of information or assistance. Join on your smartphone or computer using the link <https://zoom.us/j/68110712> at any of the following times:

Monday-9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday-1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday-9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Thursday-1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/681101712>.

Also note that registration is open now for summer and fall classes. Summer session begins Tuesday, May 26. There is still room in a number of classes, so contact your academic advisor or call 252-222-6060 for advising and enrollment assistance.

We look forward to seeing you again soon, and we send our best wishes to you and your families for a return to healthier, more stable times. Stay Carteret Strong.

Sincerely,

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