

Statement to the St. Louis College of Pharmacy Community

DATE: Monday, May 11, 2020
TO: All Students, All Faculty, All Staff
FROM: John A. Pieper, Pharm.D., FCCP, FAPhA, President of the College
RE: Updates on CARES Act Funding and Fall 2020 Planning

Students, Faculty and Staff:

As we have finished our Spring 2020 semester, I hope you will join me in reflecting on what our community has achieved in recent weeks. Together we have navigated a difficult time. It has not been easy, and I thank you for your resilience, your flexibility and your commitment to St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

Below are several important updates for the College community.

CARES Act Funding

I am pleased to share with you that the College has received funding allocated by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and we can now begin the process of distributing grants to students.

Our finance team in the Business Office is working quickly, and we expect all checks to students will be issued no later than June 1.

Students, as a reminder, we need your help to efficiently distribute funds. Please verify your mailing address in Campus Web by May 15, update it if necessary, and contact registrar@stlcop.edu if you have questions.

Fall 2020 Planning

As summer approaches, we are all beginning to look toward the next academic year and develop plans and contingencies. We do not yet know what fall will bring, but the College is taking steps to be prepared.

At this time, we are hopeful our campus will return for on-campus instruction for the fall semester and occupancy of our on-campus residency halls. We are preparing for a “new normal” in which we will support all physical distancing and other requirements and protocols that will be in place. We have developed plans for reconfiguring spaces on campus, increasing cleaning and disinfecting efforts and other strategies to ensure the safety of our community. Like colleges and universities across the country, we are assessing our environment, adjusting our response as needed, and working to develop contingency plans on a daily basis. To prepare for possible changes, we are actively planning for

scenarios in the fall that range from full on campus instruction to hybrids of on-campus and online learning to a portion or all of the semester delivered entirely online. Throughout the summer, we will closely monitor public health information in the State of Missouri and city of St. Louis, as well as recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the federal government. While our intention is to be fully back on campus for instruction and campus life, the health and safety of our community is our foremost concern, and we will comply with any restrictions and recommendations in place in the future.

We plan to make decisions about the fall semester in early July, and I will share information with you as it becomes available. I thank you for your patience as we continue to respond to the unfolding pandemic.

Updates During the Summer

With all the changes we continue to navigate, it is especially important that you remain connected to the College over the summer. Even if you are not attending classes this summer, we are still here to support you, and we want to know how you are doing.

Please stay in touch, and monitor your College email regularly. I will continue to communicate updates regarding our COVID-19 response, our planning for a safe return to campus, and other important matters.

Continue to monitor your College email and stlcop.edu/covid19 for updates.