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Dear Friends:

During these unusual times our thoughts are with you, your friends, and families as you adjust to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus and the challenges it presents. While there are many websites and other sources of information about COVID-19, we encourage you to draw your information from reliable sources, like the ones listed below:

[UWM College of General Studies](#)
[UWM Coronavirus Updates](#)
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
[World Health Organization](#)

We also hope that you focus on maintaining wellness. In moments like this, we are presented with an opportunity to support one another by showing empathy and compassion, as well as professionalism in every encounter. It is also important that we take care of ourselves. We hope you are finding ways to engage in things that are meaningful to you – connecting with friends and family, spending time outside, practice mindfulness, yoga or worship, eat healthy, getting enough sleep, managing your information intake and practicing gratitude.

As we seek to care for ourselves and our loved ones, we also want to continue to provide the same outstanding education and commitment to our students that we always have. Many of our students rely on jobs that no longer exist because of closures on campus or in the community. Many do not have family who can provide financial support, because their households are also struggling to make ends meet. **Without income, they cannot afford rent, groceries or technology essential to continuing their courses.**

These students would be on their own if it wasn't for this wonderful community, and we are asking you to help. You can extend a hand by supporting the [Campus Emergency Fund](#) for students who are facing financial hardships.

Finally, as we all seek to do our part in "flattening the curve" -- please remember our students who are doing the same while trying to complete the semester.

Please take care of yourselves and our community.

Best regards,

Alex Lackore, President
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