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Office of the Dean

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Dear USC Lancaster students,

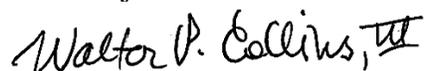
By now you have most likely heard that course instruction for the rest of the Spring 2020 semester will be through online delivery. This was relayed late Thursday (3/19/2020) in [a letter](#) from President Caslen. He also communicated that the May commencement ceremonies at all USC campuses are being postponed. That was a difficult decision and one which we realize has a significant impact on degree candidates and their families who were looking forward to participating in and attending our ceremony which was scheduled for May 2 here in Lancaster. Please know that we share in your disappointment that we won't get to celebrate academic accomplishment together in early May as we had planned. Likewise, rest assured that we will be working to plan a meaningful commencement event to be held as soon as it is safe again for large groups of people to be together.

In the meantime, dedicated USC Lancaster faculty and professional staff have worked very hard this week to prepare for online course instruction which will begin on Monday, March 23. Please look for communication from your professors by email or through Blackboard about how to proceed. A [student resource page](#) has been established on the USC Lancaster website. Many of the things we do to support students—tutoring, academic advising, counseling—can be accomplished virtually by phone, email, and the internet, and we are here to help you succeed even as we navigate uncharted territory during this COVID-19 response.

Best wishes for a smooth completion of the Spring semester. We are here to support and to assist you as you finish your course requirements online over the next several weeks.

Take care of yourselves. Here's to finishing well, Lancers!

Sincerely,



Dr. Walter P. Collins, III
Palmetto College Campus Dean