

Hello,

I hope this message finds you well and doing the best you can to navigate your educational journey during this time. Spring term is coming to a close, and I want to congratulate you for a successful term. If spring term is your last term and you will be graduating from Clark College, another big congratulations to you! Thank you for being part of Clark College, especially during this time. If I can be of service to you in your next journey, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you will be continuing with Clark College for the next academic year, which starts Summer Term 2020, here is some important information:

The Financial Aid Office has begun to process 2020-2021 financial aid applications. Once you complete your 2020-2021 financial aid application, you will receive a confirmation email from our office notifying you of the next steps in the process. Please continue to monitor your preferred email and access your student homepage in [the new ctclink system](#), until you receive notice of your award status. Please keep in mind that this process can take some time, and we appreciate your patience.

If you have not completed a financial aid application, you can complete the 2020-2021 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) online at or the [Washington Application for Student Financial Aid \(WASFA\)](#).

Important Information:

- If you are planning to attend summer term, you must be enrolled/registered for classes before financial aid fund can be added to your award for summer term.
- You can review [Tuition & Fees Payment Due Dates and Payment Options](#) online.
- Once you submit all your required information to the Financial Aid Office, your tuition payment will be placed “on hold” so your classes will not be dropped until we complete the review of your financial aid. If you are not eligible for financial aid funding, you are responsible for the balance you owed.
- If you have emergency expenses because of COVID-19 and you are a current student or will be enrolled for summer term, you may be eligible for the [CARES Act Emergency Grant](#). For spring term students, the deadline for you to apply is June 19 by 5:00pm.
- If you have any questions, email us at finaidmail@clark.edu; due to the volume of inquiries, it may take longer than usual to respond to emails.
- **Drop-In Zoom Room:** Every Tuesday & Thursday from 10AM - 12PM; Zoom Room link: <https://zoom.us/j/4010737155>, Meeting ID: 4010737155

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the change in how we have to do things, especially in how we all have to learn and work. It has not been an easy process for our office transitioning to work remotely from home and to a new system. I can't imagine how it must have been for you as a student.

I am aware that for some of you, converting to online learning, navigating the COVID-19, and processing recent events of violence and racial inequities may have an impact on your educational journey—which can, in turn, affect your financial aid eligibility. If it does impact your success as student and your Satisfactory Academic Progress, we will work with you on individual basis. My recommendation is for you to register for summer and/or fall term, and we will continue to work with you to ensure the impact to your financial aid is lessened and that your tuition payment will be on hold until we resolve your challenges together.

Best wishes on your educational journey. Stay strong, stay safe, and stay focused!

Sincerely,

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