



Dear Fellow Xavierites,

Today and tomorrow are very busy days across our campus, as we collectively ready ourselves to teach and learn next week without seeing each other in our classrooms.

From what I've seen on campus, some of you are a little nervous, others are enthused, and all of us wonder what the days and weeks ahead will hold. While some of us need to learn new techniques quickly, and all of us have the challenge of dealing with additional uncertainty, we can feel buoyed in our work by all the preparations made so far.

Special recognition goes to faculty who are helping each other come up to speed, to CAT+FD staff (especially Janice!) for expert assistance, to SASO, CIIP, and Career Services staff, and to librarians and library staff members. Your special efforts are ensuring that our students continue to benefit from the important services you provide: tutoring, SI, research guidance, advising, and more.

To our students, lean in, and keep your classes at the forefront of you minds and time commitments; you have much to learn in the weeks ahead. Remember that your faculty will have virtual office hours, and that you can take advantage of our library, the rec center, advising, and other services in person. You can also access much help online and over the phone. Wherever you are -- in our residence halls, in town, or across our state and country --, we are all here for you.

It is the people who create communities of excellence, and as Xavierites, we know how to do this. I'm encouraged by all that we are accomplishing across campus right now, and I look forward to seeing the path we trace together.

Do reach out for help when you need it. We are all here to assist each other, and as new issues arise, we'll work on solutions together. Thank you.

Best wishes, **Anne E. McCall**