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Update on COVID-19

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Students, Faculty and Staff,

I hope that your summer is going well. SWOSU's summer semester is about to begin and a new academic year will be here before you know it.

CARES Funding

SWOSU received funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to distribute emergency financial aid grants to students. We acted quickly and was one of the first universities in the state to release these grants to students. By May 9, we had distributed more than \$1.6 million to students.

Phased Campus Reopening

In the next few days, we will release information related to our phased reopening of the Weatherford and Sayre campuses set to begin June 1. Because we are offering summer courses exclusively online, our campuses are in a position to safely phase in the reopening process throughout June and July. We will follow local and state recommended guidelines in this controlled approach.

Fall Enrollment

SWOSU is currently enrolling students for our fall semester. Remember, it is our intention to hold in-person classes this coming fall. Classes will begin on Monday, August 17. Please visit our new [website](#) for instruction on how to enroll for the fall.

Construction

We have several projects that will be ready for students, faculty and staff in the fall. The construction project on the second floor of the Al Harris Library is going well. It should be completed by the start of the fall semester. The renovations will include the Stafford Archives, which will be the depository for the papers of Gen. Thomas P. Stafford. The Berrong Music Hall will have a new addition. Also, the eSports Arena is being added in the Wellness Center. This arena will house SWOSU's eSports program, host tournaments and broadcast competitions.

Finally, SWOSU will be producing one-minute video updates periodically this summer which will be posted on our website and social media. Please look for these features.

Have a safe summer!

Randy Beutler
President