

Dear LC community of students, faculty, and staff:

As you know, students succeed at Landmark College in part because we provide them with a high level of personalized support. This experience, and a belief in our model and its ability to unlock student potential, is why LC has held the same position as many other smaller institutions: holding out hope that at some point during the spring 2020 semester we could welcome all students back to campus.

Over the past week, however, the vast majority of college and universities decided to have their students remain at home for the rest of the semester. Based on the emerging knowledge of coronavirus spread and edicts related to social distancing, **Landmark has no choice but to have students remain at home for the remainder of the semester.** We must do this to ensure safety of all students and our community, and we will, as we are doing now, deliver the spring 2020 semester's learning-living curriculum in an online format.

Rest assured that **students will still succeed.** LC has an advantage over most other colleges with our years of experience delivering online learning to smart students with learning differences. While many across the U.S. (including you) would prefer to be on campus, students will not find a more supportive, personalized, flexible, and student-friendly online program than the one LC is running this semester. If **students have immediate questions related to your academics, contact your online advisor.** If family members have concerns about the academic program and plan contact the academic leadership team at onlineadvising@landmark.edu.

A few other important things:

- Students currently on campus for **reasons we have formally validated will be allowed to remain on campus** for the semester. As always, if any such students feel that they can return to home safely they can consider doing so.
- Graduating students: we know this is disappointing. However, while most colleges are cancelling graduation ceremonies LC plans to **hold a commencement event**, likely sometime around late May. The format has not yet been determined, and it too might rely on virtual/video/livestream components, but it will be meaningful and will celebrate your accomplishments. We will create a final graduation plan and share thoughts with you in the coming weeks.
- We will provide guidance regarding **student belongings** that are still on campus. Details from Student Affairs will be provided very soon, but if you have immediate questions please contact campuslife@landmark.edu.
- Parents and students: colleges are working on ways to handle any **room and board refunds**. Landmark is also working on this issue and will provide to you details and options as we move forward. Thank you for your patience here.
- Last year LC offered a Presidential Persistence Scholarship in an effort to help high-achieving students with financial need continue their impressive progress. We are planning to offer the same scholarship again for next year, but considering the current health crisis and related effects on many families, we aim to **expand the scholarship in order to give more financial relief to a greater number of families.** Announcements regarding the application process to emerge soon.

- We are still planning to run **summer short term programs at LC**. We will, however, be prepared to offer them in different ways as needed and depending on safety criteria moving forward. Moreover, we will offer students opportunities that they not only expect every summer, but perhaps things they “missed out on” due to this unusual semester for high school and college populations. More details to be provided.

At Landmark College, we teach perseverance and help you build self-confidence. Therefore, we believe that our students will succeed not just during this unusual period when we are teaching and supporting neurodivergent learners online, but also once we come out of this health crisis. Ultimately, students will be even better prepared for life after college due to the adaptations thrust upon us and our ability to learn in different ways and overcome any obstacle. Remember, success is not always in a straight line.

As always, if you have **questions or concerns** about how the College is managing this crisis, feel free to contact publichealth@landmark.edu.

Thank you for understanding why we have made this decision. Please stay optimistic, stay on track, and in true Landmark fashion keep moving forward! **We will see you again, I promise that.**

Sincerely,

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