

MEMO

To: College of Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty and Staff

From: Dean Jeff Braden

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Subject: Dean's Update: Coronavirus and Our College 5/5/20

Dear colleagues,

My deepest thanks to all of you — faculty and staff — for all the challenging work, terrific creativity and heartfelt commitment you've put into these last few months. It has not been easy, and it has not always been perfect, but I hope you find deep satisfaction in what you have made possible.

As I extend my congratulations to all our graduating seniors, and to all our students who made it through a semester like none other, I am so grateful for all you have contributed to their success.

Updates:

- If you missed the **Spring Faculty Meeting** on April 28, here's [the Zoom recording](#). Use this access password: 2g^?75\$#.
- Please look for an email from Deanna Dannels inviting you to some **virtual roundtable discussions** we're holding next week to talk through how best to plan for teaching this fall. We want to do all we can to help you prepare for the challenges ahead.

Good News:

- What we've all known and loved as the Department of Social Work is now the School of Social Work. [Read all about it](#), and share your congrats with our social work colleagues.
- Faculty awards and accolades: In short, there are many! From teaching awards to scholarly accomplishments, you all have been impressively productive. We look forward to celebrating you, and celebrating with you, when the coast is clear for gathering.
- In case you missed it, Deanna Dannels is showing her competitive side (you know she runs marathons, right?) to help raise funds for the Student Emergency Fund. If (when) our college meets the fundraising goal, your votes and mine will determine what color Deanna will dye her hair. [Here's Deanna's email](#), and [here's where to contribute](#), should you so choose.

A Reminder:

- You can find info and links related to **NC State's Coronavirus Response Resources** at go.ncsu.edu/chasscoronavirus. This site helps distill some of what the university is providing on its more comprehensive [COVID-19 response website](#).

For those who are heading out (or at least, not teaching/working) for the summer, I hope you have a safe and healthy break. Stay tuned for developments about how we'll come back in the fall; we'll share them as soon as we get them!