



## Office of the Presidents



### Important Message from the College

April 1, 2020

#### Dear Students and Families of Thames at Mitchell,

With so much happening in the world around you, it is helpful to **stay connected** to what is familiar. For many of you that means keeping ties to the great support services that Mitchell offers – and although we miss seeing all of your faces in person, we have adjusted, retooled and are finding success meeting with you in your homes, in the virtual space.

Just like when we are on campus, your “go-to” person is your Academic Advisor who **helps navigate** the online learning community, **identifies issues** with technology, resources or support, and **connects you** to support services. Contact your advisor via phone, email, or Zoom or other platforms. Your advisors want to hear about what’s going well and what’s not going so well. For social support, make sure to reach out to your RHD or Brandon; their contact information is in the 10am daily email. As always, feel free to contact Beverly or Ron anytime.

For emotional and behavioral support, make an appointment through Starfish for one-on-one counseling via video conferencing with Dr. Douglas Dufore with **Mitchell College Health and Wellness**. Interested in joining a **Social Drop-in Group**? Email him at [dufore\\_d@mitchell.edu](mailto:dufore_d@mitchell.edu) to say you want to participate.

**Tutoring** includes access to professional tutors in their respective disciplines. Make an appointment through Starfish. **Tutor.com** gives you 24/7 access to tutoring. Use your Mitchell College email to create an account through your student portal.

**Accessibility Services** can assist with the transition to online learning through emails, phone calls, and Zoom meetings. If you have accommodations or adaptive technology, continue to communicate with faculty about your needs, particularly with the new online learning format. Watch for important updates about final exams and Session II accommodation letters. Questions? Please contact Antaya Lee, accessibility services coordinator, at 860-701-5790 or [lee\\_a@mitchell.edu](mailto:lee_a@mitchell.edu).

We’re meeting every day and hear great things about how you are all adapting to this new way of online teaching and learning and know that Mitchell’s excellent support services can only help to enhance your experience. Please reach out if you have any issues. We are all here to help!

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