

Office of the Presidents



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Dear Students and Families of Thames at Mitchell College,

We are in the final week of Session II of the spring semester, and it is hard to believe how much has happened in a short span of time. We are **so proud of you for your resilience** in moving to and embracing remote learning! It has been a learning curve for many – students, faculty and staff alike – and **you have all done a brilliant job** at being adaptable and working towards mastering new skills.

Thank you for your patience as we wait for the governor's executive order to be lifted so that you can return to your residence halls to pack up your rooms. We understand that not knowing when is not easy, but you are all doing your part to protect the safety of our campus community, and we thank you for that!

We think about all of you every day and the disruption that COVID-19 has brought to your college campus experience. Some parts of the year's end remain the same. Final exams are on Friday, May 1, and we wish you much success! Your diligence and preparation will pay off!

Some parts of the year's end will be different – **your 2020 Thames Celebration will be virtual on Saturday, May 2, at 11am.** While you won't be able to hug goodbye to your friends in person, you can gather together online for a special inspirational send-off! Log into the Zoom Room at https://zoom.us/j/7164393313.

If you would like to stay connected to Mitchell for a few weeks longer, consider signing up for a May or June MiniMester. You can earn 3 to 4 credits in just two weeks each session. Please consult with your advisor before registering.

Enjoy the celebration that is planned for you, and please continue to take good care of yourselves and those around you!

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