

Dear Students,

### HOW ARE YOU?

You've entrusted your academic journey – during a pandemic no less – to us. That means something to all of us. Whether you're attending class in person or online, we're here for you. *Tell us how you're doing and how we can help you succeed.*

- Talk with an instructor or a staff member you trust.
- Connect with our [academic resources](#) staff for in-person or online tutoring, study labs, or accommodations.
- [Identify your needs](#) and available college and community resources.
- Request food and personal supply items through [The Pantry](#).
- Contact [our foundations](#) for an emergency grant.

### APPLY FOR RELIEF

The pandemic has been incredibly tough for college students, but additional financial help is available. Please apply for **COVID-19 relief funds** using this [quick online application](#) if you've registered for spring 2022 classes.

- You're eligible if you (or a family member) has experienced a pandemic-related hardship – loss of employment, food insecurity, housing disruption, lack of course materials, loss of health care, loss of child care, caring for sick family member, and other financial difficulties.
- It's a **grant** for you to use, not a loan that you repay.
- You can apply for a maximum of \$1,000.
- The sooner you apply, the better your chances of receiving a HEERF award.

### PLAN AHEAD

I know it's hard to think about next week let alone next semester or next year. But staying on track academically matters and I promise that your future self will thank you.

- Register now for your spring semester to get the in-person and online class you want.
- Check in with an [advising specialist](#) or your program coordinator if you have questions.
- Complete your [2022-23 FAFSA](#).
- Apply for scholarships using the [2022-23 scholarship application](#). You can use the [RAWC](#) for assistance with your scholarship essay.
- Work with a [transfer advisor](#) to set up or adjust your transfer plan if you're pursuing your bachelors.

### RESERVE YOUR GRAD WALK

We're celebrating our fall 2021 graduates with a **Grad Walk** in addition to our virtual commencement ceremony. If you're eligible for graduation, you should have received an email with information. Call 301-784-5005 or [email](#) the Thomas Welcome Center to reserve your timeslot. A [Q&A document](#) is also available.

**FEEL WELCOMED**

Our Thomas Welcome Center (adjacent to the College Library) isn't just for prospective students; it's a place for *everyone* to receive help and answers to their questions. Visit or contact our [Thomas Welcome Center](#) at 301-784-5005 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Stay safe and be well,  
Dr. Cynthia Bambara  
ACM President