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4:40 p.m.

The last few weeks has been a time of adjustment as we adapt and respond to the changing needs of our campus community. The realities of COVID-19 are affecting all of us, in ways we may not have fully realized.

We know that many of our students will be facing significant financial and emotional burdens. Some students are already struggling to purchase food, pay rent and find summer employment opportunities. We are concerned that our students are faced with difficult choices such as staying in school or managing the cost to live. Students living on campus may not have the financial means to return home to the warmth and security of their family home.

In 2007, Brescia faculty and staff established the “Blue Jean Fund” to support the community in times of crisis. This fund has always been available to students in times of need. Given the current situation and the anticipated needs of our students, Brescia has expanded this initiative and renamed it the **Brescia Emergency Fund**. Now, we are asking you to consider supporting our students in their current crisis.

If you are able, please give to the Brescia Emergency Fund. In a time of unprecedented change, Brescia’s sense of community is more important now than ever before. The generosity and kindness of our community will help us get through this together.

Sincerely,

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