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2:30 p.m.

We know these are extraordinary times. I want to thank each of our staff and faculty for your tireless efforts to support our students and the Brescia community in these days of sudden change. At Brescia, we have 1600 students who rely on us to prioritize their safety and well-being and assist them in completing their academic year, whether they are here on-campus, or in their home communities. At this moment in time, facing uncertainty and world-changing dynamics, we know our students put faith in the strong, student-centred support system that Brescia offers.

As we move to a modified services model, Brescia is upheld by the strength of our community and our commitment to adapt and respond to what is needed for our students to be successful. We are carefully balancing our commitment to providing the best experience for our students at the same time as maintaining a safe and healthy campus environment for all. I applaud our staff and faculty for their resourcefulness and thoughtful dedication to meeting the many challenges that have arisen unexpectedly over the last week.

Navigating and modifying our services across Brescia is similar to driving through a heavy fog; we can only dimly see what is more than a moment away—our decisions and reactions will need to change with every turn in the road. We will make the best decisions we can, ensuring we continue to live Brescia's mission in our suddenly changed environment. This isn't the first time Brescia has faced significant challenges in our history. After 100 years of leading through our Ursuline values of wisdom, justice and compassion, our community will continue to display empathy, kindness and collaboration to adapt together and make decisions that ensure the health, safety and well-being of all, so that our collective dedication to the education of future women leaders will endure.

Sincerely,

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