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Dear Higher Education Program Participants,

We are reaching out to let you know that the Salt River Schools Higher Education program is aware of our nation's current concerns surrounding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its impact on colleges and universities within and outside of Arizona.

Salt River Schools, which the Higher Education program is part of, will be closed through Tuesday, March 31. This decision was made with the wellbeing of our students, family, staff, and Community in mind, and in coordination with Salt River Schools leaders, the Education Board, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community tribal administrators. Please visit [www.saltriverschools.org](http://www.saltriverschools.org) for the most updated COVID-19 information.

Higher Education program staff are working during this time and will adhere to the following precautionary practices:

- We are following social distancing protocols outlined by public health and SRPMIC authorities by limiting the number of on-site staff, as well as limiting our office hours.
- We are not providing in-person services at this time. This is for your safety and for ours.
- During our office closure, the Higher Education program will offer *virtual* office hours Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. These are the main contacts to use during this time:
  - [HigherEducation@saltriverschools.org](mailto:HigherEducation@saltriverschools.org) (emails all program advisors to get you the help you need as quickly as possible)
  - 480-362-2547 (main phone number to get you to an on-site program advisor, even if it's not the one currently assigned to you)
  - 480-362-2596 (main fax number to ensure your important documents get to the appropriate staff member)

We have compiled links below for centralized updates related to COVID-19 for our highest-attended colleges and universities:

- [Arizona State University](#)
- [Grand Canyon University](#)
- [Maricopa Community Colleges](#)
- [University of Arizona](#)

In addition, the National College Attainment Network has created a [resource page](#) where information, best practices, FAQs, updates, and other news about supporting college students during the COVID-19 outbreak can be found.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at any time. We know this is a difficult time full of many uncertainties and we are here for you. We wish you well and hope you are staying healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

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