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Good Afternoon All,

Over the last week there have been quite a few emails that have hit your inbox. I have received questions on some, so this week in addition to providing updates, I want to try to answer some of those. If you haven't checked out our [COVID webpage](#) yet, you should! It has all campus communications, resources, and a newly formatted FAQs section!

Updates

- **Grades:** Grades will be posted by Thursday, April 30 at noon for virtual classes. Email registrar@csum.edu with any questions.
- **University Advising:** Our University Advisors will be available for questions regarding the credit/no credit policy once you have seen your final grades (April 30th). They can be reached at advisor@csum.edu or you can schedule an appointment through the Passport
- **Face-to-Face Instruction:** There is currently no set date for return. See below for more details.
- **International Experience:** This is the last call to enroll in the online International Experience Course (MPM 195) for IBL & GSMA cadets (including freshman). To enroll, contact the Registrar's Office at registrar@csum.edu
- **Commencement/Graduation:** The Commencement Committee is currently finalizing their recommendation for what celebration(s) for the Class of 2020 will look like. They intend to submit it to Cabinet this week and to get a decision on Monday. All Class of 2020 cadets next week with the plan.
 - If you have completed your coursework in the virtual format, the Office of the Registrar will start the review for degree posting during the week of May 4. As in the past, we will post all degrees by May 15 for students who have completed all requirements. Our diplomas are mailed out by a vendor and usually are delivered in 6 - 8 weeks but it may take longer.
- **Virtual Instruction Feedback:** The Academic Senate and Faculty Development would like your feedback on the transition to Virtual/Online instruction due to COVID-19 and better understand your overall experience. Please take a moment to complete the following survey by April 29th. CSU Maritime Academy [COVID-19 Virtual/Online Instruction Survey](#)
 - And If you want to give a shout-out to anyone for the way they handled the transition, please do so [here](#).
- **Shave to Save:** Happening now through May 4th. If you missed the yesterday's event, it is not too late to participate! Participants should send videos/pictures of themselves shaving or dying their hair to fitzgerald@csum.edu.
 - The Cal Maritime annual "Shave to Save" spearheaded by Associate Director of Dining Services, Mark Cosca, and the Student Athlete Council went virtual this year, with cadets sending in their head-shaving or hair-dying videos online.
 - This year's virtual Shave to Save will benefit the Campus Food Pantry and in years past has helped fight childhood cancer. You can donate at this link through May 4, 2020

<https://shave-to-save-csum.everydayhero.com/us/shave-to-save-2020>

Email Follow Up

- **Plan Moving Forward:**
 - **Bottom Line:** There has not been any decision on a specific course of action yet and we will not return for face-to-face instruction before the Solano County Shelter-in-Place orders have been lifted.
 - The plan for face-to-face instruction and Cruise outlined by President Cropper was the best case scenario, but the COVID 19 planning committee is working on multiple potential courses of action (i.e. what happens if we cannot return for face-to-face instruction? What happens if the situation has not improved by the fall? Etc.). The intention behind President Cropper's message on April 20th was to provide his promised update about what was happening/being considered. Aside from the move out process for those who do not need face-to-face instruction, nothing has been solidified, so please do not book plane tickets, etc. yet.
- **CARES Money:** The CARES Act is the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. Similar to the stimulus checks individuals and small business have been given, Colleges and Universities have also been given money to help their students through this time of uncertainty.
 - The email from Administration and Finance mentioned that every cadet will get a least \$200. After that, the additional money will automatically be applied where there is demonstrated need. While COVID is hard on everyone financially, some of our cadets are struggling more than others, so our goal is to make the amounts "equitable" not "equal".
 - Checks are being processed now and will be mailed upon completion.
- **Refunds:** The refund email *estimates* the amount you will be refunded. Some of you may see an amount subtracted that is labeled "campus obligation". This indicates that you have some outstanding expense that has not been paid. If this applies to you, your campus balance will be cleared and you will be sent a check for the remaining amount of the final refund.

As a final note, I wanted to thank all of you that participated in the survey that the TRIAD sent out last week. They have already presented your thoughts to Cabinet/other Academic Leadership and have set forward some recommendations that will help guide future communications/planning.

Have a great day,

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