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**From:** Jackie Screws

**To:** everybody, All Students

Greetings Pirate Family:

I hope all is well with you and your family and you are adjusting to your new norm of remote activities and social distancing. As you can see from the attached press release, the Chancellor of the Alabama Community System has announced that the modified instructional and service delivery process currently being implemented will continue at least through the end of the spring semester. Therefore, the College will remain closed and will continue our remote and online operation until further notice. Additionally, due to crowd restrictions, community colleges have been directed to cancel or postpone spring graduation ceremonies. In this regard, our graduation ceremony scheduled for May 8, 2020 will be postponed until late summer or early fall. A specific date will be announced soon and graduates will be provided details.

We are so blessed that our faculty and staff have worked hard to ensure that we would be prepared if the developments of the Coronavirus dictated a longer modification period than previously announced. With this mind, I believe we are prepared to finish the term remotely. We will do our best to support the students, faculty and staff during this critical period and ask that you keep us informed of any difficulty you may experience. I encourage each of you to stick to the plan and finish the course. Please stay connected to our Web site as we provide continued updates.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for your patience and understanding during this time. I know that if we work together as a family, we will get through this and we will remain - Pirate strong!

Warmest Regards,  
Jackie Screws  
President

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## **Alabama Community College System to Extend Online Instruction through Spring Semester, Postpones All Spring Graduation Activities**

**MONTGOMERY** – The Alabama Community College System (ACCS) announced today that online instruction will continue at all of its campuses through the remainder of the spring semester. In addition, due to restrictions on event sizes by state and federal officials, all traditional commencement activities will be postponed.

“Every decision concerning the operations of Alabama’s community colleges is being made with the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and administrators at the forefront,” said ACCS Chancellor Jimmy H. Baker. “While we couldn’t have imagined what this semester would look like for our colleges, I am incredibly grateful for the creativity, resilience, and commitment to learning shown by our faculty, staff, and students during this difficult time.”

ACCS colleges will offer summer courses. As circumstances continue to evolve, a decision will come at a later date and with guidance from local, state and federal administration on whether these classes will be offered in-person or online. College campuses remain closed to public gatherings.

For continued updates and to view already issued directives to ACCS colleges visit, [accs.edu/coronavirus](https://accs.edu/coronavirus).

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