As we come to the end of the academic year, we want to recognize the work you have done to navigate all of the uncertainty and change during this very challenging semester. We appreciate your patience and flexibility while we adapted our services and course offerings to help you successfully complete Spring Semester 2020.

Looking toward the future, our primary goal continues to be helping each of you achieve your educational objectives, while protecting the health and safety of the entire campus community.

We made the decision some weeks ago that courses this summer will be offered in an online format.

We are now planning for Fall Semester and know that information about how courses and services will be offered is important to you as you make plans to continue your academic work. Normandale will make every effort to offer a full schedule of courses this fall to help you accomplish your goals.

Here’s what we can share today regarding Fall semester:

1. As many courses as possible will be fully online. This is the best way to guard against likely additional stay-at-home orders of unknowable duration. Online courses may be delivered in the following formats:
   a. Synchronous – meets online at specified times as scheduled
   b. Asynchronous – does not have specified online meeting times
2. Courses that require some face-to-face components will take place in a way that meets physical distancing guidelines. The face-to-face experiences in these courses will incorporate protocols for check-in, cleaning, distancing, and tracking.
3. If a course requires significant face-to-face interaction in order to meet learning objectives, the course will not be offered for Fall Semester 2020.
4. We are examining all options for courses that are part of programs with accrediting bodies that mandate certain face-to-face obligations or require face-to-face assessment to obtain certifications. There will be separate communications to students in programs that are directly affected by these decisions.

Registered students will receive communication regarding any changes to your schedule. Scheduling details are available any time through e-Services. If you are interested in modifying your schedule, please contact Advising and Counseling at advising@normandale.edu.

Our efforts are focused on your success, and we are committed to provide the same level of support for students through all of our campus services and resources (whether they be on-campus or online).
Normandale is a strong community, and we will get through this – together. Please remember, that we are here to help you in any way we can.

Sincerely

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