

Dear CSN Family,

I am pleased to inform you that CSN has received CARES Act funds, and we will begin distributing payments to eligible students this week.

The Federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act awarded \$14,078,408 to CSN. Half of that – just over \$7 million – is designated as emergency aid for students who have had their semester disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible CSN students will be automatically awarded funding and do not need to apply. They will receive between \$200 and \$1000 each, based on the number of credit hours the student was enrolled in this semester as well as their <u>Expected Family Contribution</u> (EFC) index. In general, students eligible are those in good academic standing who are enrolled in a degree or certificate program, are eligible for financial aid, are U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens and are not in default on federal student loans. Students who were enrolled exclusively in online classes before March 13 are not eligible. Detailed information is available on <u>our Coronavirus web</u> <u>page</u>.

This emergency funding is intended to help cover expenses related to the disruption of the students' education due to the pandemic, though we understand that the funds will not reach all of those who need them or deserve them.

Students who need financial help and don't qualify for CARES Act funding or find that it is not enough to cover expenses are encouraged to apply for the <u>CSN Student Emergency Fund</u>. International, undocumented and DACA students are not eligible for CARES Act funds but can apply for the CSN Student Emergency Fund.

Please know that we remain committed to the well-being of our faculty, staff and students during these challenging times. Together, we remain Vegas strong and CSN proud.

Stay safe and God bless.

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