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Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Over the past three months, we have purposefully banded together, working in solidarity to establish a new normal amid a global pandemic. As I write to inform you of the university's plans for the 2020 Fall Semester, please know that I am incredibly proud of our response to the unexpected chain of events and remain in awe of our community's resourcefulness, resilience, and courage.

With the wellbeing, health, and safety of all members of the campus community as my number one priority, I have decided that all instruction will remain online for the 2020 Fall Semester. This decision comes after careful deliberation, consideration of several factors, listening sessions with campus constituents, guidance from local/county/state/federal/global public health authorities and scientific experts, garnering a comprehensive understanding of the increased vulnerabilities of the population we serve, researching the impacts of factors specific and unique to our campus, and continuously monitoring the number of reported coronavirus cases throughout Texas - specifically Travis County.

In support of providing an excellent academic experience, resources such as Downs-Jones Library, Math Lab, Writing Center, Tutoring, Advising, Counseling Center, Disability Services, Information Technology Help Desk, and the Emergency Grant Program will remain available virtually. These resources and more will be proactively assisting students in overcoming any barriers (technological, psychological, practical) to their academic success. Additionally, all students enrolled in the 2020 Fall Semester will receive a tablet computer fully equipped and specifically designed to meet the technical needs of online instruction. Please continue to monitor your email, the university's website, and social media channels for additional updates on our 2020 Fall Semester.

Huston-Tillotson University has faced many daunting challenges throughout its 145-year history. While COVID-19 might arguably be one of the most formidable foes, together with the same spirit of absolute unshakeable commitment to our mission, we will emerge as stronger individuals connected to a stronger university.

In Union, Strength,

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