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Dear CCV Community,

As we move forward together during this uncertain time, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the disruption we have been through in recent weeks and to thank you all for your persistence, patience, and understanding, and for the incredible support all of you – students, faculty and staff – are extending to one another each and every day.

I have been heartened by so many stories from across our learning community over the past few weeks: students taking the first courageous steps into a new classroom environment, instructors reaching out to help each other navigate new teaching methods, and staff working tirelessly to support students, faculty, and colleagues. Many of you are doing this work while homeschooling young children. Others are doing what you can to help the most vulnerable in our communities. All of us are adjusting to new routines and realities.

These stories illustrate who we are as a college: resilient, innovative, and compassionate. Through the strength of our relationships, we are able to continue our focus on the vital work of teaching and learning.

I know that many of you are feeling anxious about the future. In the coming days and weeks, we will face new challenges as we face this pandemic. The health and safety of students, faculty, and staff is our top priority. CCV continues to work with the Vermont Department of Health and pay close attention to recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control to ensure that we are taking every precaution possible to support the health and safety of our learning community. Please visit our <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response & Updates</u> page regularly for current information.

Thank you for all you contribute to the CCV community. We will move forward together and emerge even stronger.

With much gratitude, Joyce