

Campus News for the SUNY Cortland Community

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During this last month we have learned a great deal about what it means to practice social distancing. We are figuring out what we need to do to teach and learn remotely. We've been thrust into an unprecedented situation that asks us to adapt our personal and professional lives in ways we never considered. We know there is light at the end of the tunnel, but we don't know the tunnel's length and the light can be hard to see.

Still, we are finding our way.

Today we announced that <u>SUNY Cortland is canceling all in-person campus events through the end of July</u>. Traditional campus experiences, academic, athletic and social opportunities are being altered or deferred. Our <u>outdoor education facilities have largely closed</u> to prevent the spread of the virus.

But don't worry. We've got this.

As we find balance in this new lifestyle, we are reassured, knowing that SUNY Cortland's mission to work as a community to help all students reach their goals remains as strong as ever.

For the many students suddenly facing financial hardship, a <u>new fund offers emergency grants to SUNY Cortland</u> students, supported through donations from generous alumni, faculty and staff. Students who live in Cortland and need help with food and personal hygiene items can visit the <u>SUNY Cortland Cupboard</u> during their special hours. <u>Our COVID-19 information page</u> may provide answers and our faculty and staff are here to assist you as well.

Despite the uncertain and occasionally surreal reality we are experiencing, SUNY Cortland has good news to share:

- Steven Broyles and Donna Videto are both added to ranks of SUNY Distinguished Professors.
- Four SUNY Cortland students win SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence.
- Recreational Sports is organizing teams for a <u>SUNY-wide Esports competition</u>.
- Our students are staying engaged and active online.
- Students examine coronavirus' effect on international affairs.
- Kristie Houlihan '18 earned her registered nurse license on March 10 and is putting it to quick use.
- Liza Kotar M '19 is using her Fulbright award to research COVID-19 response in Russia.

• Tom Lickona, Center for the 4th and 5th Rs, posted "13 Things to Do with Your Family during the Coronavirus" on his *Psychology Today* blog, <u>Raising Kind Kids</u>.

• Erin Morris, Ryan Vooris and Tara Mahoney, Sport Management Department, won the *Sport Management Education Journal* Best Paper Award for 2019. Here's a link to their paper titled "You Study Like a Girl: Experiences of Female Sport Management Students."

We remain Red Dragon Strong and thank the members of a new SUNY Cortland group created to keep students connected. Download the new background images and mobile phone wallpapers and show your spirit whenever you use a screen.

Let's stay in touch with the great things people in our community are doing via <u>bulletin@cortland.edu</u>.

Thank you and be safe, SUNY Cortland Communications Office

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