



COVID-19 Update: April 17, 2020

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Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff:

Many of you have heard in recent weeks of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. In today's email, I want to share more details about the act and how we plan for it to help our students and the university.

The CARES Act is federal legislation that provides colleges and universities funding to assist students with cost of attendance and offers support for higher education institutions during this challenging time. Each school is allocated a certain amount, and it is up to each institution to determine how to best distribute the funding to students in need.

UCA has been allocated \$4.8 million to meet student cost of attendance needs during this public health emergency. These funds will be used to accomplish three objectives:

1. Assist in resolving remaining account balances for students enrolled in spring 2020. This relief allows students and their families to maximize their available income so those students can continue their studies this summer and into the fall;
2. Award grants to reduce the cost of attendance for students enrolling in summer school (more information below); and
3. Supplement the Student Emergency Fund managed by the Division of Student Services.

We are proposing this use of the CARES Act funds to the federal government. Once approved and received, that money will be applied toward the aforementioned objectives. We will be in touch in the coming days with additional details.

As mentioned above, through assistance from the CARES Act, we will award **up to 4,000 students with a \$600 grant** toward the cost of attendance for the summer semester.

- The grants will provide a \$600 credit per student for any summer session and will automatically be applied to students' accounts after completion of summer registration;
- The student must be enrolled in at least three credit hours for summer session;
- The student must have been enrolled during the Spring 2020 semester;
- Grants are available to all UCA degree-seeking students (undergraduate, graduate, and fully-online); and
- Grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thank you for all the hard work you have put into this academic year. As I have said before, I know these past few weeks have looked much different than we ever anticipated. Students, faculty, and staff have navigated many unexpected, and often difficult, changes, but you all have risen to the challenge and excelled. We have just a few days of instruction remaining before finals. Let's continue to work together to finish spring 2020 strong.

Sincerely,

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President