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**Subject:** Campus Update May 13

Dear LSC Community:

Today's update is all about students, which means it is all about the LSC Community!

By now you have heard that on Monday May 10, Governor Walz issued a new Executive Order (20-52) that allows limited face-to-face instruction in programs that prepare people in "critical sectors." Most of the technical and professional programs at LSC fall within the listing of critical sectors. This week, as we begin the process of bringing students and staff back to campus for limited face-to-face instruction, we will keep everyone updated on how our plans are working, what changes and adjustments may be made, and how these changes will influence and inform our summer programming (go to the website at: [lsc.edu/coronavirus](http://lsc.edu/coronavirus)). As you can imagine, this process involves the entire campus community and millions of details concerning safe and deliberate adherence to MDH and CDC and Minnesota State guidance on how LSC will conduct classes and manage support services, adjust cleaning schedules and building operations on the main campus and its satellite locations downtown, the airport, and ERTC.

The great news is, LSC will be able to graduate more students this spring! Due to the nature of their disciplines, many of these students will complete the required face-to-face hours they need to graduate with the rest of the 2020 class. And these students will be able to immediately move into these critical sector positions in which they are so desperately needed.

On behalf of our faculty, staff, and friends of LSC, **congratulations to all of our 2020 graduates!** Your success is our success. You have made it to a real milestone in your career path. We know you will be successful because you are already successful! Your next steps are filled with excitement and anticipation of a bright future. We are proud of you and we will always be here for you. You will always be a part of the Icehawk family.

**On May 18, 2020, the city of Duluth will light up the lift bridge with LSC teal blue in honor of your graduation. If you are not in town and would like to view this wonderful sight, I suggest you use one or more of the webcams provided by Visit Duluth: <https://www.visitduluth.com/livecam/> . We are grateful to Mayor Larson for her leadership with this very special tribute!**

Faculty and staff, I hope you also take a look at the bridge on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The students have worked hard, and you certainly have worked hard. This wonderful tribute is to you as well. Think about how much we have accomplished, how much we have learned since the beginning of the peacetime emergency.

My sincere thank you to everyone at LSC for your dedication and caring. My deep appreciation to the entire faculty and staff for their work to support our students through this challenge. My humble admiration and heartfelt gratitude for our campus leadership: union leaders, student senate leaders,

program directors, vice-presidents, deans, supervisors. And let's all thank our dedicated staff who keep the facilities humming along with extra cleaning and attention to common spaces.

And my thank you and admiration to our students for their bravery and willingness to move into new ways of attaining the dream. You did it! Be proud, Icehawks!

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