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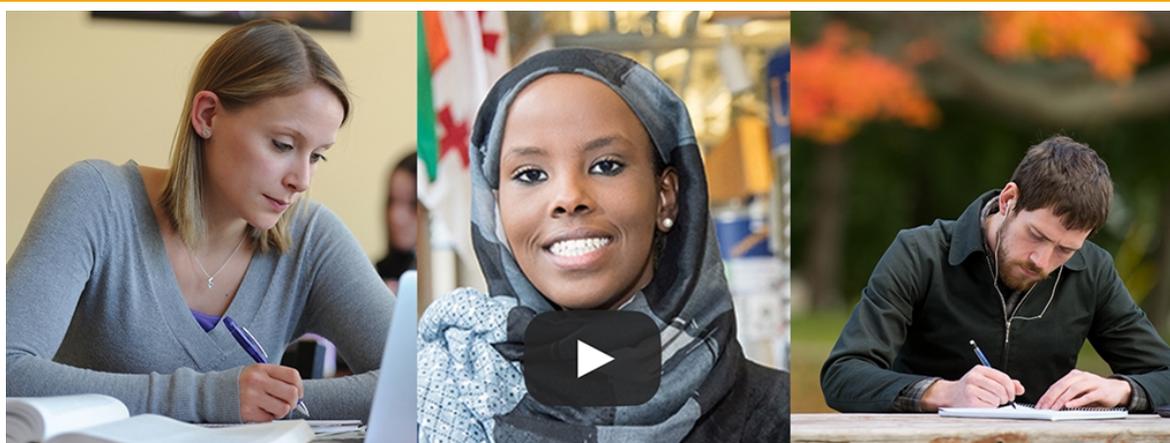
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USM Students Need You More Than Ever

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Dear Larisa,

I hope that you and your loved ones are well. As I'm sure you have found, these last few weeks have been filled with unprecedented challenges. The message I share with students, faculty, and staff is the same that I share with you: Compassion, flexibility, and reason are among our community's most important resources right now. We will get through this together.

Our campuses may not be buzzing with the usual level of activity, but learning continues in new and different ways, and our students and faculty are doing what they need to do to continue their academic journeys successfully. With all of the disruption we are experiencing, I want you to know that one thing remains constant at USM: **We continue to keep our students and**

their needs at the heart of all we do.

Today, we're deeply concerned that many of our students are now facing immediate financial crises related to the global health situation. Unforeseen medical expenses and a sudden loss of income are just two of the emergencies many of them are dealing with. Our students need our help now — and more than ever.

At this time of year, the USM Foundation traditionally asks for your help with raising the funds that fuel a host of scholarships and student-focused programs.

But this is not a normal year.

This year, for those who are able to continue their support of USM, we ask you to [**consider making a contribution to The Student Emergency Fund**](#). USM assists students in their greatest time of need through [The Student Emergency Fund](#), which provides short-term support in the form of grants for immediate financial crises, such as those mentioned above.

You may not be in a position to give right now. Especially in these circumstances, we understand that our households and loved ones must be first priorities.

If you are in a position to [support The Student Emergency Fund](#), be assured that every contribution will help our students cope with the extraordinary challenges they are facing.

In closing, please know that we continue to value everything our alumni, friends, donors, community partners, and parents have done for USM and our students over the years.

Stay strong, Huskies and Huskies-at-Heart.

Glenn Cummings, Ed.D.
President, University of Southern Maine

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