



March 5, 2020

Dear Student:

GUIDANCE FOR CONTINUITY IF THE CAMPUS IS CLOSED

North Carolina A&T State University and its Student Health Center are carefully monitoring updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding COVID-19, the respiratory illness caused by the coronavirus, and are taking appropriate measures to provide for the safety of all students, faculty and staff. This letter communicates how the university's teaching and learning functions will continue if "social distancing" is required leading to the cancellation of face-to-face classes.

1. North Carolina A&T will deliver all instruction using *Blackboard*. A *Blackboard* course shell is currently available for each course offered at A&T. And, *Blackboard Learn* provides students and faculty with several ways to communicate, teach, work together, submit assignments, and receive grades.
2. To assist students, the university has established a comprehensive student support system in Blackboard called the *Online Learner Support Commons*. The *Commons* includes a new online orientation and a variety of other resources, especially for those who have never taken online courses. The *Online Learner Support Commons* also provides access to other resources through campus offices including
 - a. Veterans and Military Affairs
 - b. Office of Accessibility Resources
 - c. Counseling Services
 - d. The Registrar's Office
 - e. The Center for Academic Excellence
 - f. Bluford Library, and
 - g. Career Services.
3. There is a virtual computer lab with SPSS, MATLAB, and Microsoft Office software. And, 24/7 Blackboard support is available to all students.

You will be automatically enrolled in all of your *Blackboard* courses. Please [use these instructions to self-enroll](#) in the *Online Learner Support Commons*.

Note: Please contact extendedcampus@ncat.edu if you have questions about online learning. Your professors, advisors, department chair, dean, and other program contacts remain unchanged.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Beryl C. McEwen'.

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