Dear Union County College Community,

We started on this journey together back in mid-March and here we are in May. It's hard to believe that was almost two months ago. In some ways it feels like that was just yesterday. In others, it feels like it's been much longer. I've said it before but I will say it again: I recognize and appreciate the efforts you all have made to adapt to this situation. Our whole college community, students, faculty, and staff, have come together (while apart) to make this work. I commend each of you for doing your best during this difficult time.

I note new information in RED below.

## **Spring 2020 Graduates**

As a reminder, I previously announced that our spring 2020 Commencement, originally scheduled for May 20, 2020, has been postponed. We will not make a decision as to the new date until we are able to return to normal operations. Students who meet graduation requirements will have their degree conferred as of the original graduation date, May 20, 2020. We will provide an update on caps & gowns and how we will be virtually recognizing and celebrating our 2020 graduates in the next letter. If you have questions about your degree conferral or whether you meet the requirements for graduation, please contact Nina Hernandez at <a href="hernandez@ucc.edu">hernandez@ucc.edu</a> or 908-709-7127.

# **Laptop Loaner Program**

As a reminder, if you do not have a device at home on which to do your schoolwork, we have a laptop loaner program. Please call 908-709-7000 if you need a device. If you register for a summer class, you can keep the laptop for the duration of the summer session(s).

## **Register for Summer Online**

**Summer registration is open, and we've waived online course fees this summer.** Login to <u>Self-Service</u> to register. The payment date for Summer I has been extended to May 14. Take advantage of a summer at home and get that much closer to graduation!

#### **Student Needs**

If you have any basic needs issues: internet, food, or anything else, please contact our social worker LeeAnn Trott atleeann.trott@ucc.edu or 908-591-8408.

If you require any other assistance, please call 908-709-7000. This line is being monitored by staff Monday through Friday from 8am-5:15pm. If your call is not answered, please leave a brief voicemail with your name and phone number and your call will be returned.

#### **Employees**

We are here to help. If you or your family is having difficulty, please contact Karlene Rambaran in HR at 908-709-7144.

Sincerely, Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin President