



Office of the  
PRESIDENT

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Dear UNA International Students:

First of all, thank you again for choosing the University of North Alabama (UNA) to advance your undergraduate and/or graduate studies. We value each and every one of you as members of the UNA family. We appreciate your contributions to enriching the academic and cultural experiences of UNA domestic students, faculty, and staff.

Thank you for participating in the COVID-19 update webinar we had on March 17. You raised many good questions that are on your minds and on the minds of your parents, your home university teachers, and program sponsors. UNA administrators, faculty, staff, and domestic students find ourselves thinking through many of these same issues as well. I am writing to confirm a few key points for you to share with your parents, your home universities, and/or your program sponsors:

1. UNA is your HOME. Your well-being, health, and safety are our top priority in good times and in challenging times like this unprecedented global pandemic caused by COVID-19.
2. UNA is open and will remain open with alternative instruction and operation. You are welcome to stay in UNA residence halls, and meals will continue to be available – including during the week of spring break (March 22-29).
3. We are here to serve you and to assist you in making well-informed and well-balanced decisions. We understand and will respect your decision either to remain on campus and exercise social distancing as recommended by pandemic experts, or to return home early.
4. If new developments warrant a decision for online instruction for the remainder of this semester, all efforts as humanly possible will be made for you to complete your courses this term... and beyond if needed.

As your university president and as a parent, I truly understand your concerns and those of your families. My colleagues and I will stand by you, and together we will overcome this challenge. Please give my best regards to your parents, your home university teachers, and your program sponsors. Roar Global Lions!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Kitts', is written over a horizontal line.

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President

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