

## COMMUNICATION TO STUDENTS

Miles College Scholars:

As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times, Miles College remains hopeful for your future. Due to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Miles College is in receipt of grant funding that is being distributed to colleges and universities nation-wide based on an application process through the Department of Education.

Therefore, because of this, we are able to distribute funds to our students who remained enrolled after March 13, 2020 when the President of the United States declared a national emergency due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). To be eligible to receive assistance,

a student had to be enrolled in on-campus instruction after the date of March 1, 2020. In other words, students who were only taking online courses prior to March 13th are not eligible to be a beneficiary of the CARES Act.

Funds are being distributed to students based on their reported income on their 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The United States Department of Education (USDOE) evaluates the applicants FAFSA to determine each student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Therefore, students who are eligible for the Pell Grant will be awarded more grant assistance than students whose EFC is higher. The College is maintaining a strict guideline be to not only be fair but to also remain in compliance with the federal government in how funds may be distributed to students.

Currently, the adjustment will reflect on your Bear's Dean account, and the checks will be mailed on Friday, May 15, 2020. Our hope is that the funds, distributed to our scholars, will provide some sense of financial assistance that will alleviate as much undue stress that all of you are experiencing.

Please remain safe and healthy.

Bobbie Knight, President Miles College