Dear Colleagues,

We hope you and your loved ones are safe and well with the end of the semester approaching, we are writing to offer a few timely reminders to faculty teaching undergraduates this term.

First, thank you for your tireless efforts to support undergraduate inside and outside of the classroom this semester. We hear countless stories of faculty who have gone above and beyond to engage and connect with their students in all formats. Many have also found new ways to make the most of their classrooms, including live classes and video instruction.

Second, we encourage you to take steps now to support student mental health and wellbeing. For most of our undergraduates, this is the first Presidential election they are voting in. As you continue to interact with your students, please take care to remind them of these resources and to take care of themselves. Many students. As you continue to interact with your students, please take care to remind them of these resources and to take care of themselves.

As a reminder, courses are scheduled to take place on November 10th, the Saturday of this week. President Price has noted recently that faculty have the flexibility to make changes to your syllabi language about where, when, and how to vote via a DukeReach online appointment or DUKE2020. Students can sign up at the website above using the service key "DUKE2020."

Other resources include:
- Blue Devils Care: A convenient way for Duke students to receive no-cost mental health support from a licensed counselor. There are two options: TalkNow (24/7, talk about anything) and Scheduled Counseling.
- Two-Click to Connect: In just two clicks, students can select one of two types of trained wellness representatives who will reach out within 24 hours: "You Matter"," or "Students Matter: TalkNow (24/7, talk about anything) and Scheduled Counseling.
- Duke-sponsored resources available to support faculty wellness in the coming weeks. We hope this note finds you and your loved ones safe and well. With gratitude,

Faculty Affairs and Wellness

First and foremost, we encourage you to take time this week to recharge and refocus on your own well-being. We know you have gone above and beyond and engaged and support our students in all formats. Many have also found new ways to make the most of their classrooms, including live classes and video instruction.

Duke sponsored resources available to support faculty wellness include:

The Personal Assistance Service (PAS) is available to provide information to your students. Please don't forget that any voter eligible to vote in Durham County can vote at the Duke early voting site at the Karsh Alumni Center through November 3rd or at any Durham County polling location.

In addition to voting information, the Duke Votes website features a menu of resources to academic support. Please don't ever worry alone — we are in this together and are here to partner with you to help make sure our students have the support that they need.

2020 Election

While election day is on November 3rd, the nature of the moment recommends that we take a longer view than is customary on the timeframe of this election race. There is a distinct possibility that we will not have a clear winner on election day. This may create additional uncertainty and stress on campus. We urge you consider ways to support your students' emotional, mental, and physical wellbeing. For most of our undergraduates, this is the first Presidential election in which they will vote, and it has been remarkable to see their strong and engaged spirit.

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