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Dear Members of the AB Community:

In an effort to provide important and accurate information concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, we will provide regular Status Reports beginning with this note. Please understand it is unlikely we will be able share many details as it might compromise the privacy rights of individuals on our campus. We are confident that any employee or student directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19 will be treated with the care and respect that is characteristic of the AB family.

As part of our return to campus, we have tested over 800 individuals. We have been told by those conducting the tests that nearly all of the results have been received. To date, we have had three students test positive for the presence of COVID-19. This represents a positive-to-test ratio of less than 0.4%. None of the students have exhibited symptoms and there has been no evidence of spread resulting from contact with others on campus.

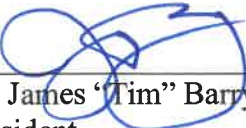
Based on direction from the Barbour County Health Department (BCHD) as well as University guidelines, all are self-quarantined, two off-campus and one in Erickson Alumni Center (our designated quarantine center.) The students are being supported and monitored by AB staff.

BCHD, with the assistance of AB staff, has identified those who have had close contact (defined as within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) with these individuals and has asked them to self-isolate. We are providing them the same level of support as those who have tested positive.


Many of us are experiencing uncertainty and concern during this global health crisis. As we face this ever-changing situation together, let's first and foremost pray for and support those who are under quarantine. Furthermore, we must demonstrate our commitment to and care for ourselves and each other by wearing masks or face coverings, practicing proper physical distancing (at least six feet apart), and thorough handwashing. We are all responsible for our campus community's health and safety.

We hope that you and your family are safe and well.

With care and concern,



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