



COLLEGE UPDATES

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Dear Gulf Coast Student,

As you may know, the college recently received CARES Act funding from the United States Department of Education to provide emergency financial aid grants (commonly known as CARES Grants) to assist students with expenses related to the disruption of campus activities due to the COVID-19 crisis. These funds were provided with a significant set of rules and eligibility requirements. We have been working diligently to review and apply these rules and eligibility requirements in order to maximize the number of students we can assist. We are very hopeful that we will be able to distribute these grants soon. When we do, these grants will not require an application. They will be sent to all eligible students automatically.

In the meantime, there are a few steps you can take to learn more about these grants and their eligibility requirements:

- We have updated our FAQ on the [Keep Learning](#) page to include a section on CARES Grants. The FAQ includes information on general eligibility requirements. We recommend that you review this information.
- In order to receive a CARES grant, a student must be eligible for Title IV aid. The most efficient and preferred method to prove eligibility is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We encourage you to file one as soon as possible if you have not already done so.
- If you are eligible for an MGCCC CARES grant, you will receive those funds via [BankMobile](#). If you have not already selected a refund preference, you should do so now by clicking the [BankMobile](#) link and following the instructions provided.

Please know that the college is expecting additional guidelines and requirements from the federal government soon. Once we have received that information, we hope to have the grants distributed to as many of you as possible. Our theme throughout this academic year has been “Finish Strong,” and it is my sincere hope that is how all of you are wrapping up a most unusual semester.

Sincerely,

Mary S. Graham, Ph.D.
President



We have opened WiFi hotspots throughout the district at all campuses and centers. Signs will be posted in our Hotspot parking lots.