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I hope this continues to find you well and safe. As I noted last week, Upstate Medical University was awarded \$259,000, through the CARES Act, to assist students in emergency need directly due to campus actions taken because of COVID-19. While our funds are limited, we are committed students as best we can. There is an application for funds available in your MyUpstate account under "outstanding tasks". We have set a priority deadline for May 15th and then we will continue to review as funds allow. In addition to this funding source, The Upstate Foundation and the Upstate COM Alumni Foundation have also contributed funds to the student retention emergency fund, depending on your individual circumstances, your application to the COVID funds may be forwarded to the student retention fund for further review.

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All:

I hope this finds you well and safe. As with most things in the last few weeks, we have, at times, been running in place as it relates to funding provided by the CARES Act. As you know, this money is provided to assist students with costs directly associated with disruptions of campus operations due the COVID-19 pandemic. We, Upstate Medical University, have been awarded \$259,000. This is not a lot of money as the Federal Government used Pell Grant allocations to determine campus funding. As you may know, Pell is an undergraduate award and less than five percent of our student population are Pell-eligible.

In order to be as fair as possible, with limited funds, we will be engaging an application process. Students in need of emergency financial assistance, due to unanticipated costs associated directly with campus actions taken due to COVID-19, will be asked to complete and submit an application within a defined time frame. From there, a committee will review applications and work to equitably distribute funds. We anticipated being able to release the application next week as we are currently awaiting SUNY approval on the process we have defined.

I will be in touch again next week with more details. Please note that this is message has been sent from an automated an unmonitored account. Please do not reply.

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