Dear Meredith students,

As you finish up this semester, we know the Covid-19 crisis may be causing all kinds of anxieties and uncertainties as you plan for the future. We want to take one of those uncertainties — Meredith’s status for Fall 2020 semester — off your list of worries and provide you with as much information as possible.

Here’s Where We Are Today

Based on information from state and national health officials, we are optimistic that Meredith will welcome students back to campus this fall for on-campus classes, Move-in Day and residential living. Like you, we yearn to return to the vibrant, face-to-face educational experience that has been our strength for the last 129 years.

While we are hopeful this return will happen in August as planned, if circumstances surrounding Covid-19 prevent it, we are prepared to adapt, just as the College has through wars, the Great Depression, and other world-altering events. We will build on our institutional strengths and offer you the same high-quality, life- and career-focused education that define Meredith College, all of which we do from our unique foundation of offering individualized, personalized “YOU-focused” learning in a supportive community.

We are actively planning for a number of different scenarios. Some possibilities under consideration include

- Timing and spacing classes differently
- Using classrooms in ways that allow for more social distancing
- Incorporating more hybrid learning options into the semester from the start

Whatever we do, you will still benefit from the Meredith community—we promise.

We are also taking proactive steps to help keep our community safe upon your return to campus. Such measures include

- Enhanced cleaning in common and high-touch spaces
- Making gloves and sanitizer readily available throughout the campus
- Creating more options for residential students to have single rooms, including incoming first-year students
Here’s What We Need from You
Equally important is that our students continue being Meredith students — smart, strengths-focused, successful, engaged, and committed — powerfully connected to each other, your faculty and staff, and your visions for a vibrant future. The country and the world will need more college-educated citizens and workers than ever as we recover from this pandemic. We need you to be part of that recovery, and Meredith will prepare you to take your place in that recovery and beyond.

Here’s What You Can (Always) Expect From the College You Know and Love
One thing we know for sure during this unpredictable situation: We will continue being Meredith, offering personalized teaching and distinctive advising approaches. Our faculty are committed to providing enriching educational experiences for you. Our Student Life staff will continue coordinating unique traditions, offering strengths development programming, and making health, wellness, counseling, and other services available to you. And, you will continue to have ways to design your own Meredith experience.

Though it may seem difficult at times to believe, we are confident that, together, we will emerge from this situation even stronger. We have always acknowledged “the places you will go.” And in this time of stay-at-home, oh, the stories we will tell…..

All the best….always.

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