

**From:** President Welsh

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**Subject:** Message to ESU students from President Marcia G. Welsh, Ph.D. - April 3, 2020

Warriors,

Another week has passed in isolation and I wanted to take a moment to reach out to you and to get a sense of how you're doing with classes...and life. First, I would like to congratulate all of you. You've completed your second week of online instruction. It certainly has not been the plan we all intended, but the bright side is that you're one week closer to completing another semester. I admire ALL of you for your resilience and commitment to achieving academic success and realizing your dreams. Without a doubt, you are all true WARRIORS!

Every day, I hear remarkable stories from our students, our faculty and our alumni about the courageous things they're doing to help all of us get through this terrible pandemic. I'm proud not only of our ESU community, I am inspired because these stories are proven testaments to the power of your degree. Our faculty members are working with local hospitals to provide face masks and other critical pieces of equipment, we have students and alumni – including nurses, EMTs, and others -- out there on the front lines helping patients who are presenting with COVID-19, we have alumni who are executives at major companies like 3M working to provide necessary gear to medical teams around the globe ... and so much more!

While remote, all of our faculty, staff and administrators continue to work every day to help you achieve your place among these heroes. As you look ahead to a summer of uncertainty, know that ESU has already planned for all summer session classes to be available remotely. Summer classes will be a great way for you to catch up or get ahead for fall 2020. Many students have already registered. Don't miss out, visit ([https://www.esu.edu/academics/summer\\_sessions/index.cfm](https://www.esu.edu/academics/summer_sessions/index.cfm)) today.

Lastly, for any of you who are struggling with your coursework or need help in any way, please reach out to us and let us know. We want you to succeed and be the change our world needs. Some of you may be adjusting to full-time online instruction more easily than others. Some of you may need tutoring support. The only way we can help, is to hear from you. Asking for help is a strength, so if you need help with tutoring, contact <https://www.esu.edu/tutoring/index.cfm>. For all other forms of support, visit [https://www.esu.edu/academic\\_enrichment\\_learning/early-warning-alert.cfm](https://www.esu.edu/academic_enrichment_learning/early-warning-alert.cfm).

These may be difficult times, but try to be positive and imagine what you can do to help now and in the future. Let's continue to stand together, while being apart, in support of one another!

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