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Subject: Message from ESU President Marcia G. Welsh - July 22, 2020

Warriors,

I'd like to take this final opportunity to wish you well in all you do. It has been my honor and privilege to be your President over the past eight years and I know I leave you all in good hands with your new Interim President Kenneth Long. Mr. Long is currently ESU's Vice President for Administration and Finance but will leave his position temporarily to assume the presidency at ESU until a new President is selected, sometime in 2021. I encourage you to talk with him and to get to know him. I know he is excited to meet all of you!

As I leave you, I know that many of you are anxious about our decision to return to primarily remote instruction for Fall 2020. Taking classes online is not a comfortable experience for everyone, but I urge all of you to stay the course and continue your education despite the challenges you face. This is an optimal time for you to continue your education while so much of our country is in lockdown. You have the opportunity to move forward, to take classes, to get closer to degree completion and to be well-prepared for a time when this pandemic has passed and our world is seeking highly motivated, educated individuals to rebuild the workforce. If you are a student and are coming to ESU's campus for any reason, please:

- Be prepared to wear a mask in any of the University's facilities
- Please remain aware of social distancing at all times
- Be sure that you've quarantined for 14 days prior to your visit to campus if you have been in any areas where a high number of COVID-19 cases have been identified (<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>)

I also want to remind students who live locally that while most classes will be online, the University is open. ESU students are welcome to come to campus to utilize Kemp Library (we want to be sure you focus on your education), the Mattioli Recreation Center (we want to keep you strong and healthy), and Dansbury Commons (we want to offer you healthy meal choices). We also have staff available in our Enrollment Center to review your financial aid packages and to make every attempt to help you with your financial needs. Please remember that you can reach out for help by using Warriorfish (WFish) on the ESU homepage. Your faculty will continue to have office hours online so they may help you with your classes and ESU's department of academic enrichment and learning (tutoring and mentoring) is also open to assist you. If you haven't already registered for the fall semester, I urge you to contact your faculty advisor or chair. If you haven't declared your major yet, you should contact the chair of DAEL, kmckenzie@esu.edu

Lastly, to my Warrior Family, please take care of yourself and one another. I wish you all the best in all you do.

#Warrior4Life

Marcia G. Welsh, Ph.D.
President