



# Office of the President

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

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## To parents and families,

On behalf of NAU, I hope you and your family are safe and healthy.

I am proud of the efforts of our students and their families in helping us slow the spread of COVID-19. We understand the deep disruption the pandemic has had on everyone's lives and economic wellbeing.

We believe the time is right to take steps to open the Flagstaff campus this fall. Consulting with state and federal leaders and health officials, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Arizona Department of Health Services, we are developing and implementing protocols to ensure the safe return of our students.

Returning to in person classes this fall requires prudent and careful planning. Our decisions will prioritize the health and safety of our campus and community, while maintaining our focus on delivering a high-quality education that meets the aspirations and expectations of our students. Throughout, NAU will continue to be an engaged, constructive, and positive partner in the life of our hometown community.

As we move forward with plans for next semester, we will continue to communicate with you and let you know of additional steps we will take to allow for everyone's safe return.

I look forward to hearing from you at [president@nau.edu](mailto:president@nau.edu) and to welcoming our students back to campus this fall.

Rita Hartung Cheng

President