



Office of the President

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

Dear students,

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

As we approach the end of the spring semester, I want to congratulate all of you on your hard work and resiliency in the face of this unprecedented global pandemic.

I am proud of our campus community's efforts to help 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 your safe return to campus.

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 that you have brought to NAU. Throughout, we 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 your safe return.

I look forward to hearing from you at president@nau.edu and to welcoming you back to campus this fall.

Rita Hartung Cheng

President