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Dear Students,

I hope you are well during these exceptional and unsettled times. The return of warm spring weather undoubtedly makes this long period of physical confinement, which we are all sharing, seem even more strange and irksome.

You applied yourself diligently to your high school studies and I congratulate you on making it through the competitive admissions process to gain acceptance to Dawson College. As you may have learned from recent news reports, the Fall 2020 semester will be unlike any other. Owing to ongoing health concerns, and following the directives of the public health authorities, Dawson has made the decision to offer all courses and extracurricular activities online in the fall. Only certain activities such as essential labs, practical work and some assessments will take place on the college's campus.

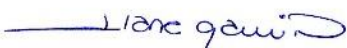
As you can imagine, the delivery of an online education represents an enormous challenge for the College, but Dawson is committed to providing an educational experience of a rich and high quality. Teachers and non-teaching staff are working hard to prepare courses and activities that will engage, stimulate and challenge you, and maintain the level of instruction for which Dawson is known.

You, too, can do your part to ease the transition to the college and an on-line semester. I strongly encourage you to recommit yourself to your studies during the next few weeks. You should work conscientiously to complete your courses, particularly those courses that are prerequisites for your college program. All the material you succeed in mastering, and the online learning skills you begin to develop, will help you when you start classes in the fall.

For the next steps in your admission to Dawson, please refer to the admission package in Omnivox. To participate in your courses this fall, you will need access to a computer and an Internet connection. You can find more details about these general technical requirements, as well as the requirements for your particular program, by consulting the information on the [Student Hub](#). The College is taking various measures to help students with their equipment needs and we also understand that the government will soon be announcing a plan to assist students in purchasing a computer.

Once again, I congratulate you on your acceptance to Dawson. The completion of your classes this spring and the beginning of your program next fall certainly present new challenges. Your ability to rise to these challenges will serve you well in the months and years ahead. I wish you every success in this undertaking.

We look forward to welcoming you in the fall.



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