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Dear Students,

The entire world has been impacted by the spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus. Many are ill or have family members who have come down with the virus. Others are blessed to be healthy but are dealing with job losses and financial difficulties. Our elementary, middle, and high school children are now learning at home. We recognize that this time of change and uncertainty can lead to fear and frustration and anxiety. We want to assure you that we understand, and we care about each of you, our staff, and our faculty.

During these unprecedented times, SFBC&TS is in the process of determining if we qualify and when we can apply for relief as a result of the recent CARES Act bill passed by Congress. We are a not-for-profit, private institution that does NOT receive the same benefits as state and federally funded colleges and universities. Our tuition alone does not cover all of our expenses, so we must rely on donations.

Due to local, state, and federal mandates, all non-essential businesses in our area have had to close their doors. Those businesses who are essential have had to change the way they do business. As a college, we are an essential business. We are thankful that we have been able to move the on-campus classes to an online format so that our students are able to continue working to complete their courses and receive their credits toward their degrees.

SFBC&TS's tuition is and has always remained affordable; we are listed as one of the top 10 most affordable colleges in the country. We are still a fully functioning college and seminary; our expenses have not decreased.

Until we can determine what type of relief we might qualify for, it is impossible for us to offer exceptions to our students at this time. If this changes, we will of course notify you.

There are websites that might be helpful for you to receive some temporary assistance with your monthly expenses. We have listed a few below; these and more are also on the SFBC.edu website. You can also call, email and fax our senators as noted in the Populi Call-to-Action, asking for them to make sure non-profit organizations qualify for relief.

We want to assure you that we are doing all we can to cut our expenses, apply for aid, and get us through these difficult days. We are asking for your patience and prayers as we pray for you daily.

In Christ,

Mary Drabik

Dr. Mary Drabik
President

HELPFUL INFORMATION

COVID-19 Hotline	954-357-9500 (Broward County)
COVID-19 Information	Palm Beach County http://discover.pbcgov.org/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx
Florida Power & Light (FPL)	https://www.fpl.com/account/bill/payment-extension.html https://www.fpl.com/help/payment-assistance.html
AT&T	https://about.att.com/story/2020/att_wireless_covid_19.html
Verizon	https://www.verizon.com/about/news/our-response-coronavirus
T-Mobile	https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/ongoing-updates-covid-19?icid=MGPO_TMO_P_20COVID19_8D84Z1GC15FV3ZQLI20228
Sprint	https://www.sprint.com/en/landings/covid-19.html?INTCID=HPB:ALL:ALL:COVID19:LP
Healthcare Information	https://www.resourcehouse.com/211FirstCallforHelp/Home

[State of Florida Information on COVID-19 \(FloridaHealth.gov\)](https://www.floridahealth.gov/coronavirus)

[Coronavirus Prevent and Treatment \(CDC.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

[World Health Organization](https://www.who.int)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/disease)

[Centers for Disease Control Travel Warnings](https://www.cdc.gov/travel)

[Florida Department of Health – Broward County](https://www.floridahealth.gov/broward)

[Florida Department of Health – Palm Beach County](https://www.floridahealth.gov/palm-beach)