On May 9, 2020 we signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that we have used no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The total amount of funds that the institution received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students was $69,310.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission as of the 30-day Report was $69,310. The first round of funding was made available on April 21, 2020 in the amount of $34,655. The second round of funding was made available on February 21, 2021 in the amount of $34,655.

In the first round of funding that was made available on April 21, 2020, we have estimated that 55 students at the institution who are or could be eligible to participate in the Federal student financial aid programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and thus are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. In the second round of funding that was made available on January 27, 2021, we have estimated that 99 students at the institution who are or could be eligible to participate in the Federal student financial aid programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and thus are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. This includes 62 students in our School of Nursing and 37 students in our School of Radiological Technology.

In the first round of funding that was made available on April 21, 2020, 55 students received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. In the second round of funding that was made available on January 27, 99 students received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

In order to determine which students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, we implemented a methodology involving a matrix based on the Expected Family Contribution and Dependency Status, as reported on the Institutional Student Information Record. All students who attended our Spring 2020 semester and completed a FAFSA were eligible and $30,550 of aid was disbursed under this methodology. In the Fall semester we disbursed the remaining $4,105 of grant funds evenly to all actively enrolled students as of September 25, 2020. For the second round of funding that was made available on January 27, 2021, we followed a similar methodology involving a matrix based on the Expected Family Contribution and Dependency Status, as reported on the Institutional Student Information Record. This time however, all students who attended our Spring 2021 semester were eligible and $34,550 of aid was disbursed under this methodology. Students who did not complete a 2020-2021 FAFSA form were assumed to be a dependent with an Expected Family Contribution in our highest tier.

The following guidance was provided by the institution to students concerning the first round of Emergency Financial Aid Grants: On April 21, 2020, the Department of Education made funding available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to serve students and help them continue to learn during this unprecedented time. These grants have been made available to institutions like ours to provide emergency direct cash to college students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. To achieve the Secretary of Education’s goal of getting support to those most in need as quickly as possible, we have allocated the funds based on 2 criteria: income and dependency status, as reported by you on the 2020-2021 FAFSA form. You are not required to record or track how this cash grant is spent. The grant will be reported to you on a Form 1098-T along with any Pell Grant aid that you have received during the 2020 tax year, assuming the combined total is in excess of the $600 reporting requirement. Please consult a tax advisor for the tax implications specific to you. We hope this aid provides some relief to you during this time. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 225-237-1506.

The following guidance was provided by the institution to students concerning the second round of Emergency Financial Aid Grants: On January 27, 2021, the Department of Education made a second round of funding available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to serve students and help them continue to learn during this unprecedented time. These grants have been made available to institutions like ours to provide emergency direct cash to college students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. To achieve the Secretary of Education’s goal of getting support to those most in need as quickly as possible, we have allocated the funds based on 2 criteria: income and dependency status, as reported by you on the 2020-2021 FAFSA form. If you did not complete a 2020-2021 FAFSA form, we assumed you were a dependent with an Expected Family Contribution in our highest tier. You are not required to record or track how this cash grant is spent. The grant will be reported to you on a Form 1098-T along with any Pell Grant aid that you have received during the 2021 tax year, assuming the combined total is in excess of the $600 reporting requirement. Please consult a tax advisor for the tax implications specific to you. We hope this aid provides some relief to you during this time. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 225-237-1506.