Pennsylvania Highlands Community College is sympathetic and understanding to the disruptive environment the coronavirus pandemic has caused its students. We know that moving from face-to-face classes to 100% online instruction has been difficult for all, particularly if you have lost childcare or a steady income. These are stressful times.

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. President signed the CARES Act into law, which among other things, provides some monetary relief for higher education students. The U.S. Department of Education have given the College strict guidelines on who is eligible for this monetary relief. Using those restrictions to guide us, we developed several monetary disbursement principles:

- Aid was not given to students who were already enrolled in fully online programs.
- Students who were identified to have the most need received additional funds; we reviewed your FAFSA application to help us determine your need.
- Students enrolled in more classes at the College received additional funds.

The College has released grant money to ### of its students. We are happy to award you with $$ to help you with your current situation. While we know that this will not solve all your financial troubles, it is our hope that you accept this grant knowing that we truly wish you the best. While you may spend your grant award any way you please, we encourage you to consider spending the grant in the following ways by purchasing:

- A laptop, printer or other electronic devices that may assist you in learning from home,
- Course materials and/or books for future classes,
- Food, or
- Childcare.

While we continue to monitor the COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation daily, please stay up to date on Penn Highlands’ course offerings as well as learning resources at www.pennhighlands.edu/coronavirus. If you have not completed your academic credential at Penn Highlands, we hope that you reenroll with us in the future. Penn Highlands is developing many modes of instructional delivery in the fall including small face-to-face classes, hybrid classes, and completely online courses. Contact the Registrar’s Office for more details at registrar@pennhighlands.edu if you are interested in registering for class.

We wish you good health and please stay safe!

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Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Nunez, President