Dear Members of the Alumni Community,

Over the past few weeks, COVID-19 has significantly impacted our lives. I am writing to inform you of recent actions taken by the University to minimize exposure for our students and employees. The rapidly evolving situation has caused many New York colleges and universities to suspend on-campus instruction. As of March 16th, our faculty began teaching online for the remainder of the spring semester. This difficult decision was made to ensure the health and safety of our students and employees.

Our task force is monitoring the situation daily, and continues to follow recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Members of our Community worked tirelessly to provide a seamless transition to online learning this week. Classes are taught on Zoom and other innovative technology tools that bring our professors and students into a synchronous and engaging learning environment. Students living in different time zones are also provided with asynchronous instruction.

Delivering nearly 2500 classes per week online in a matter of weeks is not easy. Our faculty members have shown great professionalism and concern for students. Additional credit goes to our administrative teams on campus. We are also proud of our students who have shown patience, understanding and resilience through this challenging time. Our goal is to keep students connected through creative and virtual means both inside and outside the remote classroom.

Yesterday, Governor Cuomo announced that all nonessential businesses must cease to operate in physical locations by March 22nd at 8 pm. The University is committed to serving our students. Good planning will enable us to continue to provide students high-quality academic instruction and support services.

This has been a challenging time for our world. Our LIU family is moving forward to deliver our promise of education to our students. Many of you have reached out to send best wishes to our community. Thank you for your support of Long Island University.

Sincerely,
Kimberly R. Cline
President