A MESSAGE FROM the Provost

Dear Parents and Families,

Congratulations to you and your student! Wearing our masks and physically staying six-feet apart from each other, we are safely at the finish line of a Fall semester that none of us will ever forget! All classes and exams will be finished on Thursday, December 17. Faculty will submit grades on Friday, December 18.

Right now, the encouragement your student needs from you is to keep working hard, seek help if they need it, and ask questions if they don’t understand. As we wrap up the semester, should your student be confused about any part of x-grades, needing some guidance on majors, schedules for this spring, technology—they need only ask! Whatever he or she may be concerned about, I encourage you to ask our offices, their advisors, or Student Life. Sometimes it helps to know that every other college student across the entire world is experiencing the kinds of emotions your student may be sharing with you.

What can I do to help?

That is the mantra of every staff and faculty member, all of whom stand by to assist. All kinds of issues bubble up at the end of the semester; for questions or concerns, email me (jcheatham@martinmethodist.edu) or the Registrar’s office (ccapps@martinmethodist.edu). If we can’t answer you, we will know who can. We consider it a pleasure and an honor to serve your student.

Here’s to a blessed holiday season and good wishes to bring us all back safely in January!

-Judy Blankenship Cheatham, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Martin Methodist College

MMC & UT

As you may remember, Martin Methodist College and the University of Tennessee System signed a nonbinding letter of intent in September and have been exploring the possibility of a merger. The potential partnership between Martin Methodist College and the University of Tennessee System would not only provide long-term stability for MMC, but also create additional opportunities for southern Middle Tennessee families and MMC both individually and as a part of the UT System. The vote to continue with the merger was well informed, discussed, debated, and negotiated, and both institutions are excited to continue the process. Up next will be approval from our accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, as well as approval from the state’s General Assembly. The board will have a final vote after approval from the General Assembly, and the merger could be reasonably expected to become official in summer 2021.

More information—
- Updates
- December 9, 2020 Article in The Tennessean

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us, and though we may not have the answers yet, we will get them to you as soon as we have them!

PLANNING AHEAD

It’s never too early to start planning for the 2021-22 academic year! The FAFSA form to apply for financial aid (grants, work-study, and loans) for next year is already live, and you can begin working on it today at www.studentaid.ed.gov.

If your student is struggling (academically or personally) or is unsure about their future plans, encourage them to reach out to the Director of Student Engagement at srichardson@martinmethodist.edu for help.

HOW YOU CAN PRAY FOR MARTIN METHODIST COLLEGE

- Pray for students as they begin the busy and challenging season of final exams. Pray that each one feels the peace of God's presence and takes comfort in the loving community at Martin Methodist.
- Pray for families as we enter the Christmas holidays. Pray that each family experiences the joy that comes with this celebratory season, and pray that God protects each of us and keeps us healthy and safe.
- Pray for faculty, staff, and administration who guide and support our students in their academic, social, and spiritual lives. Pray that their work, particularly to maintain a high quality of instruction and support during such challenging times, gives them energy.

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