Work Study and Campus Employment

I hope this message finds you safe, well, adjusting to online learning, and tolerating your families – maybe even enjoying them.

Many folks have had questions about student jobs and wages for the remainder of the term, and we have been working through changing conditions for the last few weeks to create a responsive and responsible plan. Our first priority has been to preserve financial aid for students who hold need-based work-study awards. Our second priority is to allow students in other jobs to continue their work if it can be done remotely. While no plan is perfect, I hope you'll appreciate this as a good-faith effort by the College to help our students in a difficult time.

The College will be making emergency grants to students who have been working in federal work-study jobs or other jobs that are part of their financial aid award. What does this mean?

If you have a work-study job on your financial aid award and you have worked in 2020, you will be given a grant equivalent to the amount you would have earned if our term had finished normally. The amount of your grant will be based on your hourly wage and the average hours per week that you work, multiplied by the number of weeks left in the term when students were asked to leave campus. (We are using 8 weeks.) For example, a student who had been working 8 hours per week for $8.00 per hour would receive a grant worth $512. The grant will be capped at the remaining unearned amount of your total work study award. For instance, if the student in the example above had an $1,800 annual work-study award and had already earned $1,300 by mid-March, their grant would be capped at $500. This doesn’t require any action on your part. Because this is a grant, not wages paid for work, it will be posted to your account as financial aid and will appear as a credit, no later than April 24. If you have a positive account balance, you may allow it to remain on your account and roll forward to next year, or you may contact the Cashiers Office to request a check.

Other student employment will generally not continue for the remainder of the term. However, some students may have the opportunity to continue earning pay if their job can be performed remotely. We are collecting information from supervisors this week to determine what jobs can continue. If you are eligible to continue working remotely, your supervisor will be in touch with you next week. Unless you have been given permission by your supervisor, please do not work or record hours on your timecard.

If you have questions, please direct them to finaid@centre.edu. We will respond absolutely as quickly as we can, though I will beg your patience and understanding as we work through many individual concerns regarding this and other financial aid issues.

Hoping all of you are enjoying the same warm weather we have in Danville,

Bob Nesmith
Dean of Admission and Financial Aid