

Spring Graduation Ceremony Canceled

It is with great regret that we announce that we will not be able to conduct our traditional graduation ceremony this May. Graduation, which was scheduled for May 15 is canceled. I know this is very disappointing news to those of you who are completing their programs this spring. Given the current spread and unpredictability of the COVID-19 virus, we believe that it is in the best interests of students and their families to err on the side of safety. We are exploring the possibility of some type of virtual ceremony, so please watch for updates on the College's website. We are hopeful that we can find a meaningful way to acknowledge the truly important and significant accomplishment of completing a college degree. For similar reasons, the Nursing program's Pinning Ceremony for RN students will not be conducted in May. There is a possibility that the Pinning Ceremony may be rescheduled to July. Updates will be posted on the College's website.

Residence Hall Move-out Schedule and Procedures

As you know, managing access to campus facilities during the COVID-19 Pandemic has been an evolving challenge. We are doing our best to match the sometimes competing goals of providing building access as well as maintaining a safe environment for all who enter college facilities. We have been able to make adjustments to consolidate most of the students who remain on campus into one residence hall. Now that this step has been completed, we are at a point where students can begin removing belongings from their rooms.

While we anticipate providing some type of partial credit or refunds for housing and meals, we are waiting on guidance from our system office, in order to insure consistency across all of the colleges and universities in our system. Look for updates as we get more information.

The following schedule and procedures have been established so that students may begin removing their belongings by **appointment only during the hours of 10 AM and 6 PM on the dates listed below, which vary by residence hall:**

Gross Hall

- Gross Hall residents should contact Janet Lund at janet.lund@dakotacollege.edu or 701-730-3175 to set up an appointment to pick up their belongings during the dates of **April 1st through April 15th. Students will only be allowed into the residence hall if they have scheduled an appointment.** Once an appointment has been set up, students must complete a health and safety screening form in order to enter the residence hall on their scheduled time and date. Students who pass the screening will be allowed into the residence hall. Students may bring one person – who must also pass the screening – to assist them with moving their belongings from their rooms.
- Students who are not able to travel to the college to remove their items prior to the end of the semester should contact Janet Lund at janet.lund@dakotacollege.edu or 701-730-3175 so that the college can arrange for the storage and security of the items in their room.
- If you have circumstances that require special accommodations, contact Janet Lund at the email or phone number above.

- You are advised that all electronic key fobs have been deactivated to insure building security, so it is essential that you contact Janet Lund for an appointment.

Mead Hall

- Mead Hall residents should contact Brock Lemon at brock.lemon@dakotacollege.edu or 701-201-0350 to set up an appointment to pick up their belongings during the dates of **April 16th through April 30th. Students will only be allowed into the residence hall if they have scheduled an appointment.** Once an appointment has been set up, students must complete a health and safety screening form in order to enter the residence hall on their scheduled time and date. Students who pass the screening will be allowed into the residence hall. Students may bring one person – who must also pass the screening – to assist them with moving their belongings from their rooms.
- Students who are not able to travel to the college to remove their items prior to the end of the semester should contact Brock Lemon at brock.lemon@dakotacollege.edu or 701-201-0350 so that the college can arrange for the storage and security of the items in their room.
- If you have circumstances that require special accommodations, contact Brock Lemon at the email or phone number above.
- You are advised that all electronic key fobs have been deactivated to insure building security, so it is essential that you contact Brock Lemon for an appointment.

Milligan Hall

- Milligan Hall residents should contact Mark LaCroix at mark.lacroix@dakotacollege.edu or 701-871-8793 to set up an appointment to pick up their belongings during the dates of **May 1st through May 15th. Students will only be allowed into the residence hall if they have scheduled an appointment.** Once an appointment has been set up, students must complete a health and safety screening form in order to enter the residence hall on their scheduled time and date. Students who pass the screening will be allowed into the residence hall. Students may bring one person – who must also pass the screening – to assist them with moving their belongings from their rooms.
- Students who are not able to travel to the college to remove their items prior to the end of the semester should contact Mark LaCroix at mark.lacroix@dakotacollege.edu or 701-871-8793 so that the college can arrange for the storage and security of the items in their room.
- If you have circumstances that require special accommodations, contact Mark LaCroix at the email or phone number above.
- You are advised that all electronic key fobs have been deactivated to insure building security, so it is essential that you contact Mark LaCroix for an appointment.

Thank you for your understanding as we work through this process. We know that you want to pick up your belongings, but we want to insure that both you and the students remaining on campus, as well as the residence hall staff who will be assisting you, will all be safe during these unprecedented times.