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MESSAGE TO THE ATD NETWORK: ATD Weekly Network Connection: COVID-19 Resources

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### From the President and CEO

In this rapidly changing environment, Achieving the Dream is committed to providing our network with timely and relevant resources and information to help you respond to these unprecedented challenges. Our weekly Network Connection will share new opportunities and disseminate promising practices that we are gathering from ATD Network colleges, coaches, and experts. We encourage you to keep an open line of communication with Achieving the Dream staff as we all work through the COVID-19 crisis together to support our students and our communities.

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## ACHIEVING THE DREAM CONTINUES TO CAREFULLY MONITOR AND RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE ATD NETWORK COLLEGES DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

### COVID-19 Resources: Connecting & Supporting the ATD Network

ATD [has compiled and curated resources](#) to support you in teaching and providing services to your students as well as responding to the institutional challenges that these disruptions have brought. The assets are broken into three broad categories:

- [Online Teaching and Learning Through Disruption \(includes webinar recordings\)](#)
- [Delivering Support Services to Students Amidst the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
- [Institutional Support: Guidance for Administrators](#)

We encourage you to bookmark this page. It will be updated on a regular basis.

## Free Webinar Series: Online Teaching & Learning Through Disruption

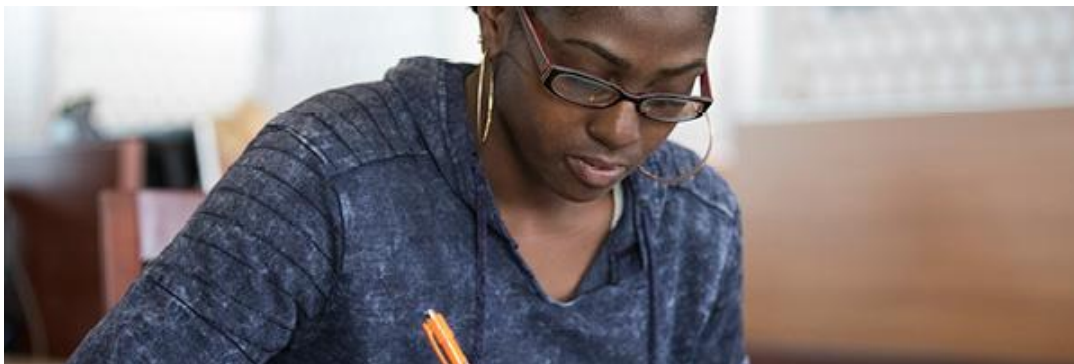
With the widespread shutdown of campuses and the transition to online classes, maintaining a connection with students has never been more important. Finding effective ways to communicate with your students, especially those with limited access to technology, will not only help keep them engaged in their learning but can also convey emotional support and compassion. Achieving the Dream is offering a four-part webinar series, *Online Teaching & Learning Through Disruption*, designed to give faculty a place to learn from one another about how to support student success in a fully remote teaching and learning environment. The first two webinars were held each of the past two Wednesdays, and the final two are offered April 8 and April 15.

Recordings of [the first two webinars are available](#), and registration is now open for the final two webinars.

## Virtual Consultations

ATD is here to support you. We are providing virtual consultations free of charge for any college active in the ATD Network to help you address the immediate challenges ahead in ensuring your students not only have access to course work online, but also the necessary advising and personal supports to help them succeed.

- For a 45-minute consultation for student services leaders in need of assistance to address the challenges of providing virtual student services and supports, schedule using this [link](#).
- For a 45-minute consultation for faculty, or instructional designers in need of assistance to make a quick transition to an online environment, schedule using this [link](#).



## ATD Colleges Are Securing New Supports for Their Students

### ***Laptop Loaner Programs***

A number of colleges are offering laptops for their students to use during this time.

For example, The Three Rivers College Foundation Board, in partnership with Three Rivers Community College, enacted emergency measures and approved \$57,000 to purchase Chromebooks and Windows laptops to assist TRCC students and faculty during the COVID-19 crisis. The laptops will be available for loan.

Other colleges with similar programs include Onondaga Community College, Northwest Vista College-Alamo Colleges District, and Tri-C's partnership with PCs for People.

### ***Oklahoma City Community College Starts Children's Supply Drive***

Oklahoma City writes: "Many of our students have children of their own, and in these difficult times, we want to do everything we can to support them." They established an OCCC's Children's Supply Drive.

### ***Houston Community College Provides Help for Financial Emergencies and Disaster Recovery***

Students facing financial emergencies due to COVID-19 or other reasons are encouraged to submit Swoop to the Rescue Emergency Fund form online. Aid is available to help with financial emergencies or disaster recovery.

### ***SUNY Schenectady Provides Support for Online Learning, Nutrition***

As the college prepared for virtual instruction that began Monday, SUNY Schenectady County Community College took steps to ensure that its community was supported during the transition. The college is providing laptops for any student who does not have their own, and the college's food pantry, through support from the SUNY Schenectady Foundation, is stocked with staples for students, staff, and faculty and will remain open. The college's coronavirus web page is providing updates for its campus community.



**ATD Colleges Are Finding Ways to Support Their Communities**

### ***Wake Tech Health Sciences Programs Donate Critical PPE Supplies***

Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh, North Carolina is recognized regionally for its strong health science programs. The college gathered critical personal protective equipment from its programs and donated to local hospitals serving COVID-19 cases. The supplies, which were sorted and organized by Wake Tech staff, included 74,000 gloves, 3,000 masks, and hundreds of bottles of sanitizer.

### ***Expertise Informs the Response to COVID-19***

At Lorain County Community College, the 2020 Leah Meyer Austin co-winner, a faculty member and virus expert is recording daily informational videos. Dr. Harry Kestler, who has previously held positions at the Lerner Medical College of the Cleveland Clinic and the department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at Harvard Medical School, uses his expertise to educate about coronavirus and how to work collectively to slow the spread of COVID-19.

### ***Stepping Up as Partners in Testing***

In North Carolina, Blue Ridge Community College has established a drive-thru testing site in partnership with Henderson County and the University of North Carolina's Pardee Hospital. On Monday, New Jersey was identified by FEMA as one of 12 priority states nationally. Bergen Community College was cited for its easy access to the community and opened a drive-thru testing site on its campus.