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Dear Full-Time MBA Students,

We are thinking of all of you as we make our way through this unprecedented time. We were so energized last Friday at the Class of 2021 New Presidents Training. Held via Zoom, everyone came ready to learn and start planning for the academic year ahead. Your enthusiasm and engagement was truly inspiring and a great reminder that our Trojan Family is resilient. We will get through this together!

We know many of you are feeling high levels of stress and anxiety. There are USC resources that can support you, especially Student Counseling Services (213) 740-7711. Please see the next section of this newsletter for a comprehensive list of resources available through the USC Health Center. Of course, if you want to chat with anyone in the Program Office, we are also here for you.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for virtual Coffee with the Deans thus far. Your questions and suggestions have been helpful in our thinking as we work to best manage the virtual community and support your classroom learning. We will continue to offer weekly virtual Coffee with the Deans for the remainder of the semester – calendar invites were sent out at the end of last week. These sessions are open to all full-time MBA students and the format will be largely unstructured. We invite you to come with your questions or provide your own updates and news. We enjoy hearing from you!

As you know, new information regarding the COVID-19 situation is constantly released. Please continue to check in with USC’s Novel Coronavirus website for all updates related to the university community. We also encourage you to take small (or larger) breaks from the news as needed to keep yourself mentally well. Your health and well-being is our highest priority.

We know that many of you have questions about how recent policy updates may impact your academic program. We encourage you to schedule time to connect with Janella (Class of 2021) or Kat (Class of 2020) for academic advising. Every student’s situation is different, so talking one-on-one with an advisor is best.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Stay safe. Be well. Fight on!

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