

Dear Members of the Saint Mary's Community,

This week Saint Mary's will distribute the remaining portion (\$1.6M) of its HEERF III emergency student grants to eligible students. As a reminder, this is the federally mandated emergency student financial aid grant portion of the College's overall HEERF III allocation, which also included \$3.65M to defray other COVID-19-related institutional budgetary impacts.

Following HEERF III guidelines encouraging institutions to "prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants" in providing emergency financial aid grants, 700 students, 475 undergraduate and 225 graduate, will receive grants of either \$1,500 or \$2,500, depending on their federally determined expected family contribution. Students who were awarded a \$10,000 HEERF III housing grant earlier this year are not eligible.

Eligible students will begin receiving the funds automatically later this week and will be refunded regardless of any balance due on their account. Eligible students who have signed up for eReimbursement will receive an email when the funds have been deposited into their account. Students not signed up for eReimbursement will be mailed a paper check to their home address.

Please feel free to [contact me](#) if you have any questions about this process.

Regards,

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