

# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

## **IMPORTANT UPDATE NOVEMBER 23, 2020 – PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY!**

### **GRADUATION WILL BE VIRTUAL**

Due to the exponential increase in new cases, hospitalizations, and deaths from COVID-19 I have decided to change graduation from an in-person event to virtual. It will be held on the same day at the same time. More details will follow in the coming days as we make all the arrangements for the virtual graduation.

### **CLASSES GOING BACK TO ZOOM**

Due to the exponential increase in new cases, hospitalizations, and deaths from COVID-19 I have decided to finish out the semester via zoom. When students return to class next Monday, it will be at regularly scheduled times but held on zoom. Exams will also be given via zoom.

### **LAB**

Lab is still mandatory (there is no safer place to be with all the PPE required). Students need to report to their labs on their assigned days.

### **RA LAB**

Students can attend RA Lab either via zoom or in person. Mrs. Lee will be in the lab at the assigned times. Attendance is still mandatory. Student's choice if you want to attend via zoom or want more assistance so elect to attend in person.

### **SEMESTER 3**

Please continue to take the comps as often as possible. You need to start taking the comps as often as possible to strengthen your knowledge, test taking skill, and improve your probability of passing the NBE the first time. The best way to master test taking is by taking the practice tests as often as possible. Taking multiple comps test will also help you identify areas where you need additional study. Passing the NBE (both sections) the first time within 30 days of being released will allow you to file the appropriate forms with Mr. Ivey to have CCMS reimburse your \$570.00 NBE fee! This is our way of offering you an incentive to study for the NBE and prepare you to take the NBE as soon as you are eligible. Data shows that success rates go down the longer a student waits to take the NBE after the end of Semester 3. Data also shows a significant correlation

between the number of times a student takes the comps and first-time pass rates. Your goal should be to score in the high 90's with the comps – good luck (luck is when preparation meets opportunity!)

### **FINAL THOUGHTS**

- ✓ Make the right choices over the holidays! The data proves that young adults hold the key to containing COVID-19. You can reduce the risk of COVID-19 to EVERYONE by making the choice to keep out of crowds and crowded spaces.
- ✓ Continue to practice social distancing, avoid public spaces as much as possible and interactions with the public to the best of your ability.
- ✓ Younger people are at significantly higher risk due to the desire to go out into public spaces and socialize with friends.
- ✓ Wash your hands regularly, keep your hands away from your face, and continue to wear a mask when in public spaces.

**This pandemic is not over. Elected officials across the Nation are taking steps to close down venues where people gather in order to keep you safe – but you must do your individual part to help everyone remain healthy until a COVID-19 vaccine is produced and distributed. Students, faculty, and staff did not want or create this worldwide pandemic. Everyone is suffering through this pandemic; we are all stressed but need to continue to support each other so we can get through this together. Decide to make a difference for good and govern yourself accordingly!**

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