The Foundation is wishing you and your loved ones peace in this time of uncertainty. It is important we rally around the mission of the College to provide quality, affordable education. The Foundation continues to support College operations and do all that we can to assist students toward completion of the spring semester.

Through collaborative efforts, we have embarked on several initiatives to ensure continuity in education, resources, and basic living necessities for our students. These include the creation of scholarships for students significantly impacted by COVID-19, financial support through the Champions Fund, and computer loans to students so they can complete their courses.

We will continue to explore ways to assist our students during this time and appreciate your continued support of our efforts.

Now, more than ever, our students need us. And we need you.
As we look to the future, encouraging students to continue to invest in their education is important. For this reason, the Foundation Board has committed $50,000 in new scholarship support for students impacted by COVID-19 for the summer and fall semester. Within the first few days, over 60 applications were received.

**Day of Giving**

On May 7th, the Kishwaukee College Foundation will be participating in Give DeKalb County, a 24-hour fundraising event supporting nonprofits in the community. Please consider making a donation through Give DeKalb County on May 7th OR show your continued generosity, anytime, by donating directly to the Kishwaukee College Foundation. Visit [www.kish.edu/makeagift](http://www.kish.edu/makeagift) for more information. Your gift will help the Foundation continue to support ongoing student COVID-19 relief efforts.

The CARES Act provides several provisions to encourage charitable giving during the COVID-19 pandemic. The [DeKalb County Community Foundation](http://www.dekalbcfc.org) has outlined several of the positive implications.

**Champions Student Emergency Fund**

Students are experiencing significant financial concerns during these challenging times. The Champions Fund is providing emergency support to students for expenses such as rent, internet costs, food, and other daily essentials. We are fortunate to have generous donors who have committed to funding this program. Within the first six months of this year, the Champions Fund provided support to 29 students, totaling $12,203. 79% of the students during that time completed a degree or certificate, or enrolled for the Spring 2020 semester.

**Chromebook Distribution**

The College has loaned Google Chromebooks and notebooks to students to support the quick move to remote learning. The College held a drive-thru pickup for students to borrow a device while complying with the six-foot social distancing
recommendation. The loan program has supported over 55 students with the necessary computer equipment needed to complete the spring semester. Plans are underway to continue the program into the summer. Read more.

Welcome Tricia Myers!

The Foundation is pleased to welcome Tricia Myers to the Team as the new Foundation Coordinator. She will be providing support to annual fundraising efforts, coordinating events and managing the scholarship and enhancement award programs.

Learn more about Tricia

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