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Dear Zulfigar,

First and foremost, keep safe and healthy! Your health and your families' health are the two most important things to us; all else is secondary. We are all part of the great Red Raider Family. Let's all work to keep that family safe and healthy.

I wanted to give you all a shout-out for how you have stepped up to continue your education online. You have been amazing!! All your faculty, staff and advisors have told me how all of you have been so flexible, understanding the issues and even helping them during this tough time. Yes, we have had some hiccups, but not many. I am proud of all of you, but not surprised. As your dean for the last 9 years, I can tell you that every employer I have talked to has told me the same: you are flexible, hit the ground running and innovate when put in unusual situations. You are among the best engineers and engineering leaders trained worldwide! Be very proud of that!

A little update - our faculty, staff and many local students (graduate and undergraduate) are helping our healthcare professionals, police and first responders stay safe by 3D printing face shields, ventilator parts, constructing emergency ventilators and other needed PPE, and testing and fabricating mask concepts. This is all being done individually, most times virtually and by manufacturing at home, or in closed/evacuated shops under special authorization. The faculty and engineering leadership are coordinating these activities. We are distributing the products all over West Texas, see www.wt3dreliefconsortium.com for more details. Again, thank you all for being a part of our efforts to educate the best engineers and to continue to support each other and our community. I am very, very humble and proud to be your Dean. Remember, be safe, stay home, stay healthy and again, I appreciate you all for what you are doing and how you are doing it!!

Sincerely,



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