



March 19, 2020

Dear Nobles Graduates,

As this unprecedented global health crisis evolves, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We are reaching out with an update on Nobles' planning and response to the pandemic. The Nobles community has always found tremendous strength when faced with steep challenges, and we have no doubt this will prove to be true again as we navigate this difficult period together.

### **School Closing**

Nobles will be closed until at least April 13, and we have canceled all campus events during that time. As this pandemic rapidly unfolds, and our families are inundated with news updates, it is our goal to make decisions about our school program slowly and wisely. With a clear focus on the safety and wellness of our community, we are working hard to identify ways to adapt and innovate to continue our program for our students.

We have asked our community to practice social distancing to help flatten the curve of this pandemic. This means all staff, other than a few essential staff, are working remotely, and we have closed all buildings and fields to visitors.

If you are interested in reading the messages we have sent to Nobles families, please visit the Covid-19 Update page on our Nobles website.

### **Virtual Nobles**

Over the last month, a dedicated team of faculty has been developing Virtual Nobles, our distance-learning plan to continue Nobles' program while we are closed. With spring break running through March 30, we will spend the first week providing faculty with training and support to move classes online. We will begin Virtual Nobles for students on April 7. In addition to online classes, we will have virtual assembly, advisory and club meetings. We will be doing all we can to keep our community connected during a time when community matters more than ever.

While we know that this distance-learning will not replace the remarkable human touchpoints that happen in our classrooms and hallways every day, our dedicated faculty are rising to the occasion in inspiring ways, demonstrating tremendous creativity and flexibility in the face of adversity. We are grateful to all our faculty and staff members who are working diligently throughout this crisis to ensure that learning continues, relationships deepen, and our community is strengthened.

### **Graduate and Campus Events**

Given the scope of the ongoing health crisis and the need to not only protect the health and well-being of our own community but also those we may come into contact with, we have decided to cancel all graduate events and gatherings in April. We have not yet made a decision about Reunion 2020 or events for the remainder of the year. We will communicate with you as soon as we have an update on both Reunion 2020 and other future graduate events.

## **Staying Connected**

Even though we will not be coming together as a community in the near future, we encourage you to stay connected with the school and each other. The tremendous connections across the Nobles community are sources of strength and joy to so many of our graduates. Please visit the upgraded graduate directory and networking platform at [www.noblesgraduates.com](http://www.noblesgraduates.com) or contact Kate Treitman Brown '99, director of graduate affairs, at [kbrown99@nobles.edu](mailto:kbrown99@nobles.edu).

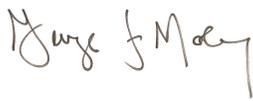
As we embark upon the challenging journey ahead, we are buoyed by the spirit of our Nobles community, and by the opportunity before us to find new and innovative ways to meet our mission of leadership for the public good.

We are grateful for your support, and wish you and your family health and safety.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Hall".

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George J. Maley".

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