## STUDENT UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT PAUL CARLSEN – March 18, 2020

## LTC Students,

The safety and health of you and our community is our number one priority. The COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation is rapidly changing in our community, and yesterday's mixed messages and errors in official orders propel us to take action at the college level.

Effective immediately, the following will take effect for the duration of the public health emergency:

- 1. All college facilities will remain closed to students and visitors. There will be exceptions made for students to pick up resources such as laptops, but these will be scheduled in advance.
- 2. All courses that can be delivered online will do so effective March 23<sup>rd</sup> and will remain online for the duration of the semester. Faculty will be reaching out directly to students in these classes with next steps.
- 3. All lab-based courses are suspended until further notice. Faculty will be reaching out directly to students in these classes with next steps.
- 4. All college events are cancelled.
- 5. All college-related travel remains cancelled.
- 6. The child care center is closed.

Please know this decision was not made lightly. Once we do our part to help keep everyone safe, college leadership, faculty, and staff will shift efforts to planning options for students to meet their goals following this emergency.

More information will be forthcoming.

Thanks, Paul