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Dear Centenary Community,

We have, understandably, received quite a few questions about refunds or rebates for student charges due to the changes forced by the pandemic. While I do not have many answers at this moment, I did want to respond to the best of my ability.

The brief summary is that Centenary will not be refunding any tuition amounts, since instruction in continuing and the awarding of credit hours will be completed. The situation with room and board charges is more complicated. We have been discussing this for quite some time and monitoring guidance and best practices from government agencies and our peer institutions. Since Centenary has remained open, including residence halls and food service for those students who required it, many of the college's expenses have continued. And like many of you, there have been additional expenses and lost income associated with the changes the virus has forced upon us all.

The CARES stimulus package passed on Friday provides funding to colleges and universities intended to assist both institutions and their students with the unexpected costs imposed by the pandemic.

However, as of today, we have not received any official notification of the amount of that funding or guidelines for its allocation and distribution. When we have that information, we will be able to give you a better idea of any accommodations we are able to make. I assure you we will abide by all government regulations and also do everything we can to be fair to all concerned while safeguarding the financial stability of the college.

Thank you for your patience. We will get this information to you as soon as possible.

Christopher L. Holoman
President