

Week One Post: March 25th, 2020

Dear Colleagues-

First and foremost, our hearts go out to anyone who's been impacted by the virus, either directly or indirectly.

We know that community is important at Agnes Scott College --it is what attracted many of us here, and what keeps us going. Thus, even as we deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, campus leaders remain committed to providing a supportive, positive and inclusive virtual work environment for all. We are currently building ways to continue to work collaboratively, engage each other virtually, and maintain the close-knit Agnes Scott College community that we have built. We are living in this moment together.

For our colleagues who are new to telecommuting, you may discover that the experience is much different than you thought it would be. Without regular contact with co-workers and supervisors, working online can be isolating but it does not have to be lonely. With that in mind, the Gay Johnson McDougall Center for Diversity and Inclusion is partnering with the Office of Human Resources to ensure everyone has the support needed to remain successful while working remotely. Acknowledging that we bring diverse teaching and working styles to our work, we want to remind everyone that college resources on issues of equity, inclusion, and employee relations will continue to be available. We fully realize that in the midst of these difficult times, there will be ongoing changes that will impact the workplace routines. We are here for you.

As we build a digital space for us to engage one another, we invite you to make use of **resources on remote work** that are available on LinkedIn Learning, formerly Lynda.com. Thanks to our colleagues in Information and Technology Services, LinkedIn Learning is available **free of charge to all Agnes Scott College employees** and uses the college's single sign-on capability.

Now more than ever, proximity matters--both in terms of the need to adhere to physical distancing guidelines and to stay connected and engaged with Agnes Scott values. Therefore, we will be uploading a new ASC-customized virtual activity or resource each week to enhance the remote work experience.

As we go forward working in our new virtual spaces, let us be kind, generous, inclusive, and intentional in our engagement with one another. We'll be sure to keep you updated, and know that we always value your questions, ideas and feedback.

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