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Dear alumni,

While our campus remains closed, in order to protect the health and safety of all, a great deal of work continues.

Faculty and students have adjusted to distance learning and their feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The Class of 2020 will graduate on time – a testament to their perseverance! Unfortunately, Commencement and other academic celebrations have been postponed, but alternate arrangements are being made and we will keep you updated.

Using a variety of technology platforms, including good old-fashioned mail, the Alumni Relations team is planning a “Virtual Senior Week” to celebrate our graduates. There will be several opportunities for alumni to add their best wishes. Please follow us on Facebook and be sure to check your email in order to be part of the fun.

You may have seen the news last week that USJ donated masks, gloves and other essential items to the town of West Hartford. We have always valued this spirit of cooperation that exists and we are proud to have been able to contribute to the town in a meaningful way.

With schedules and plans consistently in flux, we have an array of options to keep you informed;

- visit our [website](#) which is updated regularly
- follow @AlumniUSJ on Facebook
- check your email for the Alumni Newsletter on the first Wednesday of each month
- Visit the Alumni page on our website, for general information.

Like so many people across the United States and the world, some of our students have been impacted financially by the current health crisis. We are extraordinarily grateful to the generous donors who have contributed nearly \$10,000 to Catherine’s Fund for Student Emergencies. One student, who received emergency assistance shared:



"I cannot express my gratitude for the generous grant from Catherine's Fund. This money will keep the lights on and food on the table without going further into debt. I am grateful to the donors who contribute to the fund. It brought tears to my eyes as this has been a challenging year and this is such wonderful news!"

-Kelly Tobin

Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program

If you would like to help USJ students complete their education, please consider [making a gift](#) to Catherine's Fund.

My colleagues in the Institutional Advancement Office and I appreciate your continued patience during these difficult times. We are profoundly grateful for the many encouraging messages that we have received and we very much look forward to welcoming you back to campus. How blessed we are to work with such a wonderful community of people!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Maggie Pinney".

Maggie Pinney '95

Vice President for Institutional Advancement