Dear Students,

Happy Spring!

I trust that you are adjusting to your second week of remote and your new normal. I know several of you are facing challenges as you embark on the online instruction and its conditions. Moreover, this special edition of the Diverse Tools for Success will provide you with resources and university services to aid you in your adjustment. We want to make sure that you do not feel separated from your network that you rely on while you are on campus.

In this challenging time of managing intermittent to no Internet access, personal responsibilities and maybe increased financial responsibilities, we know it is our duty to make you aware of services provided to/for you. Remember the College of AG Diversity Programs Office (DPO) is just a phone call, text or email away to help YOU! You may also reach out through our social media platforms.

I confidence in all of you to make the paradigm shift in this new way of learning. It is has been an adjustment for my stall and I as well. WE are in this together for we are #kstatestrong!

I am here for you! Please let my office (Lonnie, Summer, Mckenzie and Mikey) know how we can assist.

Sincerely,

Dr. Zelia Wiley, Assistant Dean and Director

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**K-State COVID-19 Update**

The university’s priority throughout this evolving situation will always be to protect the health and safety of everyone at K-State and in our communities.

Please continue to check back for updates. Please visit https://www.k-state.edu/covid-19/ to see the most up-to-date information from the University regarding COVID-19.

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**A / Pass / Fail Option**

We know that some of you are managing divided responsibilities, intermittent to no internet access, increased financial pressures, and separation from the support network and resources on which they could rely on their campuses.In Due to these factors, all students have the option receive a pass fail grade for each selected course.

What this means:

- Students with A/Pass/Fail option will receive an A for class with A average. Students with grade of C-D will receive Pass (P) for class. Students with below D grade will receive a Fail (F) for the class.
- Students may choose the A/Pass/Fail option for individual courses; that is, an A/Pass/Fail selection does not apply to all courses taken by the student this semester.
- The default option is for students to receive a letter grade. Students need to notify the Office of the Registrar only if they want the A/Pass/Fail option for a particular course.
- The option is exclusively the choice of the student.
- Students who choose the A/Pass/Fail option will need to submit the A/P/F Agreement Form to the Office of the Registrar. Please contact your advisor and myself or Dr. Wiley for the appropriate signatures for the Agreement form.

For more information, please visit the A/Pass/Fail Information Page.
How to Make the Most of Online Learning

Become a self directed learner
- Take the time you need to study and learn strategies that work best for you
- Check your understanding:
  - What did I learn this week?
  - How do I know what I learned?
  - How can I apply what I learned this week?
  - Is something I learned still confusing or unclear?

Participate in an Online discussion
- Online discussions can grow quickly so it may be important to check back into the conversation regularly in order to stay up to date
- Answer the prompt by being clear and concise
- Drive the conversation forward by providing examples from your experience, pose clarifying questions, describe possible implications, suggest a different perspective, etc.

Make the most of your time
- Avoid multitasking to get assignments done efficiently
- Focusing on one task at a time in order to commit more to long term memory
- Take breaks in between assignments
- Close distracting tabs/apps
- Put your phone away or mute notifications

How to Access Technology Support

Accessing IT support
- Call 785-532-7722 to open a technology support ticket
- Managing internet expectations as we teach, learn and work remotely

Questions regarding how to use ZOOM
- Learning management systems (LMS) your instructors may be using.

Additional Campus Resources

- Office of Student Life
- Student Access Center for help with Accomodations
- Counseling Services for Help with Mental Health & Wellbeing Needs
- Lafene Health Center for Help with Medical and Prescription Needs
- Cat's Cupboard for Help with Food and Personal Supplies

Important Dates

May 8 – Deadline to submit A/Pass?Fail Option Form
August 21 – Orientation & Enrollment
December 11 & 12 – 2020 December Commencement

Ask Us for Help!

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