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S-ke:g Taṣ, this is TOCC President Paul Robertson with a public service announcement from Tohono O'odham Community College.

TOCC has resumed spring semester with online classes only. TOCC campus sites are closed to the public and to students at this time. The College website, which includes our Library website, <u>is</u> open and includes many resources. The website is at <u>tocc.edu</u>.

Staff and instructors have been contacting students with details. They have not been able to connect with all students, though. If you haven't been reached, you may call Daun Hume at 520-383-0086, leaving a message and she will get back to you. Students needing assistance for online classes should email Dean Naomi Tom at ntom@tocc.edu.

TOCC's summer session will be online this year. Registration is open now for summer session online courses and for Fall Semester Courses. You will find a schedule at tocc.edu.

All Tohono O'odham language courses taught at TOCC are tuition free to members of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its sovereign sister nations, including the Gila River, Ak-Chin, and Pima-Maricopa communities. Summer session might be a good time for many people to begin their O'odham language studies.

Here are some things the College is doing to help students this spring:

- The deadline to withdraw from spring semester courses was moved to May 2, 2020. We do not want students to withdraw, but that the College is granting this extension for students who need it.
- If a student chooses to withdraw from all courses, there will be no financial aid penalty. In other words, this semester will not count in the student's lifetime allotment of 12 semesters of Pell Grant aid. This provision was included in the federal CARES Act passed in March 2020.
- TOCC has revised its Incomplete Grade policy to allow more latitude for students to finish a course after the end of spring semester 2020.
- Students have the option to select Pass/Fail for any coursework in spring 2020 or summer session 2020.

Questions about any of these policies or dates may be addressed to Dean of Student Services Naomi Tom at ntom.org tocc.edu.

TOCC wishes you good health and courage as we go forward together in these difficult times.