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Dear UNE Community,

While the tradition of celebrating our community by supporting students during our annual Giving Day has become one of my favorite days on campus, my team and I are acutely aware that the priority for many is recalibrating their lives as we adjust to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, we have decided not to hold our annual Giving Day next week.

I know many alumni, parents, faculty, professional staff, students, and community members were ready to come together to reach the 900 donor goal which would unlock the \$10,000 challenge from the officers of the Board of Trustees. I am grateful to those who have already sent in their gifts, and to the Board Officers, Dan, David, Diane, and Regen, who will still be making their challenge gift.

As we make plans to continue providing the best education for UNE students in the safest and most responsible way possible, I am grateful for the past and future support this remarkable community has provided. As always, gifts to UNE can be made at [www.une.edu/givenow](http://www.une.edu/givenow) at any time. I know so many of our UNE alumni are on the front lines of this public health crisis, and it makes me both proud to be part of this University and more committed than ever to our mission.

Thank you and be well,

James D. Herbert  
*President*