



Dear students, faculty, staff, community partners and other friends of the Carolina Center for Public Service:

As you are well aware, the rapid spread of the novel coronavirus has led UNC-Chapel Hill to undertake a number of precautionary measures. We're doing our part to help respond to the growing public health crisis presented by COVID-19. This is affecting a number of programs and events organized by the Carolina Center for Public Service, and we want to update you about how we are responding.

In the midst of this challenge, CCPS remains committed to the individuals and organizations involved with our programs. Specifically, we're working to honor our partnerships and commitments in ways that align with University policy while also prioritizing everyone's health and well-being.

The following list outlines some changes and cancellations for our ongoing and upcoming activities:

CANCELLATIONS

- **APPLES 30th Anniversary Celebration:** We are canceling the anniversary reunion weekend, previously scheduled for April 3-5. However, we will continue celebrating APPLES' 30 years of achievement through fall semester 2020, so stay tuned!
- **UNC Public Service Awards:** We are canceling the annual awards event that was scheduled for April 14. However, we're moving forward with selection of 2020 Public Service Award recipients, and we look forward to celebrating these outstanding people in other ways.

MODIFICATIONS

- **APPLES Service-Learning**
 - As with other Carolina courses, **APPLES Service-Learning Courses** will move to an online format for their regular class times. We are in communication with faculty and community partners regarding those classes. Students can expect to hear more information directly from faculty and community partners involved in APPLES Service-Learning Courses.
 - For **other APPLES programs and activities** (such as internships and alternative break leader selection), participants will receive information about changes directly from relevant faculty or staff.
- **Buckley Public Service Scholars**
 - We will be offering a number of **online skills trainings and workshops** throughout the rest of the semester, with a priority on making training opportunities available to seniors who plan to graduate as a BPSS Scholar. Once those are scheduled, we will notify BPSS participants and post the training dates on the BPSS portal.
 - We plan to reach out directly to senior participants with additional information regarding **other BPSS graduation requirements**. CCPS will follow the University's guidance regarding spring graduation activities.

This is a difficult time for everyone, and it reinforces the importance of being a supportive community. By taking precautionary steps, we will help slow the spread of this disease and mitigate its effects. We encourage you to follow the guidance of [public health](#) and [University officials](#) regarding handwashing and social distancing.

If you have any questions about changes to CCPS programs and activities, you can [contact CCPS directly](#).

Yours in service,

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