



March 26, 2020

Dear Wheeler Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to write to you on behalf of the entire Wheeler Board of Trustees, to let you all know that we are thinking of you all and wishing you all the very best during this challenging time.

I also would like to offer you some assurance and encouragement. As you are undoubtedly hearing through Allison's regular correspondence, she and her leadership team, along with the entire faculty and staff, are working tirelessly to make this period of virtual learning that your students will be starting April 1 enriching, engaging and creative. Here at Wheeler, we hold fast to our tradition of excellence and our curiosity to explore and create new ways of thinking and creating. In many ways, our current circumstances call on us to do just that and I am certain that the collaboration between faculty and students in this regard will be something we can all look back on with tremendous pride.

Therefore, as you talk with your students about returning to school after the break, I encourage you to frame this as a time of opportunity. If ever there is a time to think flexibly and work collaboratively, the time is now.

As Board Chair and as a Wheeler alumna I am humbled and proud beyond measure to be part of the Wheeler community. I look forward to when we can all be back on campus, resuming "normal" life. In the meantime, stay well.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alisia St. Florian'.

Alisia St. Florian '86
Chair, Wheeler Board of Trustees