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Greetings,

Over the past month, our Scholars have been waking up to a dramatically different world.

COVID-19 has changed lives around the globe, especially at colleges and universities. We at APIA Scholars recognize these changes and strive to support our Scholars during this emergency.

Programs and services that we are adapting, continuing and expanding include:

- Elevating our **Emergency Fund** to Scholars to provide financial support with resulting challenges from campus closures and the like
- **Converting our in-person Young Professionals Conference into a virtual experience** featuring a collection of webinars and podcasts related to leadership and professional development available for all Scholars to access
- Initiating our online **Professional Mentorship Program** and requesting support for its expansion
- Facilitating **online forums** for the APIA Scholar community
- Hosting **weekly “Chat & Chew” virtual brown bag sessions** (noon PT/3 pm on Thursdays) for informal conversations

With these efforts and more, our team at APIA Scholars remain steadfast in our mission and continue to elevate, educate, and empower the community. If you would like to learn more about how to support this work, please contact Katrina Breese, VP of Development and External Affairs at kbreese@apiascholars.org. Please stay in touch with us via social media on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) for our latest updates and information on how we are working to support our Scholars. We encourage everyone worldwide to stay safe, healthy, and optimistic in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Noël Harmon, PhD

President & Executive Director

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