Dear [we will insert the student's name],

We are pleased to let you know that you will soon be receiving a grant through CIA from the federal government.

On March 27, the U.S. government passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Part of the CARES Act provides students with emergency grants to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. This support is given in the form of emergency financial aid to help cover eligible expenses related to the cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology and health care.

Grant amounts were determined based on each student's eligibility for Federal Pell Grant funds.

You do not have to take any action to receive the grant. If you have direct deposit information on file with the Business Office, the grant payment will be deposited into your bank account. If you do not have direct deposit information on file, a check will be mailed to the permanent home address on record with CIA. Direct deposits should appear in your account by the end of the week; checks should be received within a few days thereafter.

The Internal Revenue Service recently announced that this grant is a qualified disaster relief payment under section 139 of the Internal Revenue Code and therefore is not includible in your gross income.

We hope this one-time grant helps alleviate some of the financial challenges brought on by this ongoing pandemic.

Sincerely,

Student Accounts