



## COVID-19 Impact on Saint Augustine's University Family

The **National Alumni Association of Saint Augustine's University** is saddened by the adverse impact the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has had on the Saint Augustine's University family, not only for the currently enrolled students, but also on potential new Falcons. Our concern was heightened over the past week or so, as we reached out to help groups of students find ways to get home or other safe housing as international air travel became restricted and the country attempted to get through this first wave of illness from this pandemic. We were fortunate to be able to support these students in their time of need. This is, however, only the first challenge of many to come as our alma mater seeks to not only to stay afloat, but also to rise above the waves of failure, and continue to grow and thrive. Many of our students' parents will face tough financial decisions because of the coronavirus and will find financing their children's college education more of a challenge than it was previously. Additionally, the University will face financial challenges because of the virus, with changes in on-campus classes, potentially impacting the summer and fall schedules. And we cannot forget our dedicated faculty and staff, who have had to make significant changes in the way they deliver information and educate our students.

The **National Alumni Association of Saint Augustine's University** will do more than ever to come to the aide of our great university. We will reach out to potential new students this spring and fall to keep their interest and our recruitment efforts on course to exceed the 2019 freshman class. And we will continue to raise the necessary monies to support these students. It will be a difficult task, but if we are willing to put in the work, fundraise as much as we can and donate as much as we can, we will succeed. Alumni need to spread the word concerning the needs of our alma mater. Saint Augustine's has survived for more than 153 years and our future should be even brighter with as many alumni as possible doing as much as we can! Falcons are meant to fly high! Falcon Pride!

Thanking You in Advance,

Dr. John T. Larkins, President, National Alumni Association of Saint Augustine's University

**P.S. Our prayers go out to you and your families, faculty, staff and students for safety during this crisis!**