«FIRST\_NAME» «LAST\_NAME» «STREET1» «STREET2» «CITY», «STATE» «ZIP»

Dear «FIRST\_NAME»:

The Federal Coronavirus and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), 2021 has allocated emergency financial aid grants called the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II to assist students with exceptional need. These grants can be used toward educational costs and other emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care.

The HEERF II fund does exclude the following students from receiving awards: PSEO students (Online College in the High School, concurrent enrollment, regular PSEO), exclusively online students, incarcerated students, students paying the senior citizen rate/noncredit courses, Farm Business Management students and students who have not completed a FAFSA to confirm they meet the federal student eligibility requirements. Eligibility is based on those enrolled as of April 12, 2021. Eligible students will receive \$300 or \$600 awards based on financial aid eligibility. Money will be transferred to direct deposit bank accounts on file. If students do not have a direct deposit bank account set up, a check will be mailed to the address listed as your local address. Go to eServices to change to your address or to set up direct deposit. We anticipate these awards will be disbursed by April 23, 2021.

We encourage **all** students experiencing financial hardships due to COVID-19 disruptions to apply for emergency grants and scholarships at <u>alextech.edu/emergencygrants</u>. If you have any questions about these grants, please contact the Financial Aid Office by calling 320-762-4540 or emailing <u>financialaid@alextech.edu</u>.

We know these can be challenging times and you may be feeling stress or anxiety. You can seek support services on our campus by contacting our counselor, Julie Trosvig, at <a href="mailto:juliet@alextech.edu">juliet@alextech.edu</a> or by calling 320-762-4958. In addition, United Healthcare is offering a free emotional support helpline. Their 24/7 toll-free helpline number is 866-342-6892 and is free of charge and open to any student.

We look forward to continuing to offer a robust, in person experience this fall.

Sincerely,

Michael Seymour, President