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Dear Community-engaged students,

In light of the steps taken to control the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we must cancel the 2020 Community Engagement Awards. We at the Center for Internships & Community Engagement are deeply saddened by this development as the award ceremony represents our annual opportunity to celebrate the amazing community-engaged achievements of CSUF students, faculty and community partners. Though we are not able to celebrate these achievements, we acknowledge that many did occur.

One element of the Community Engagement Awards that will proceed is the Community Engagement Medals. Students are still able to apply for the Community Engagement Medal, but please note that there have been some updates to eligibility resulting from our community response to COVID-19 and the imperative to discontinue onsite academic internships and service-learning activities.

- Students who were planning to qualify by completing the additional 30 hours must have completed these hours prior to Friday, March 20, 2020, in alignment with Governor Newsom's order to shelter in place. Additional hours are those complete above the standard number of hours required for a class, not above any modified number of required hours for this semester that some departments have opted to allow. Any hours completed after this date will not apply, as we cannot encourage any further course-related activity in the community.
- For students who were planning to qualify by taking a non-required academic internship or service-learning class, or who have already completed ALL additional hours to qualify in a previous semester and only need to complete a second class; we will consider any qualifying course completed with a passing grade as eligible.

For students who are eligible, the online application form remains available here: <u>https://app.calstates4.com/fullerton/community-engagement-medal-application-2020</u>

We will notify successful applicants when and where they can collect their medals at a later point.

We are aware that many students planned to do additional hours this semester and that this news is upsetting. For us, it became impossible to develop an equitable response that will apply to students across the disciplines. We hope students affected by this understand and appreciate this in light of the broader challenges we face because of this pandemic and ask for understanding.

Sincerely,

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