



Friends and Colleagues,

Wow, what a couple of weeks it has been. We do not need to tell you that we are living and operating in unprecedented times that have challenged each of us in a myriad of ways. This is a time of uncertainty where we worry about our families, our students, our staff, and our campuses as we wait to see what each new day will bring. As COVID-19 closes more of society's gathering points, it alters each of our campuses in unique ways. Many campuses have moved to online instruction, some have closed residence halls and other facilities, and others continue to operate with limited services, recognizing that many students require the stability that comes with access to the meals, shelter, and medical services our campuses often provide.

The shifts happening in both our personal and professional lives leave more questions than answers about the new normal and what it means for our futures. Many of our members have been instructed to work remotely and left to decipher how to move an on-campus process to our homes, while others are required to report to campus yet practice social distancing. While we do not purport to have all the answers to the questions, we do know that one of ASCA's most valued resources continues to be its members.

During this time of uncertainty, flexibility, and approaching our work in new ways, ASCA recognizes the value in remaining connected to our friends and colleagues for idea sharing, problem solving, and maintaining a sense of community. We invite you to participate in our new offering, ASCA Chats—a five-week series of twice daily small group discussions on a wide variety of topics. These topics have become part of the conversation as campuses shift their daily operations, campus and student services, and more, all at an unbelievably rapid pace. None of us have all the answers and these informal sessions are not intended to be webinars with deliverables. Instead, we offer a forum to engage in conversations with peers about the nuances of the crisis at hand and how it affects our work and our lives. Please [click here to read more about the 23 slated topics and to register to participate](#) in one or more conversations, at no charge to ASCA members.

Of course, we have also been engaged in discussions about how a widespread pandemic will affect not only our members and member institutions, but also the events and services you've come to expect from the Association.

- **ASCA Staffing & Services:** Association operations remain largely unaffected by the impacts of COVID-19. All ASCA staff have been remote employees since September 2018 and have created a well-established decentralized infrastructure. This means you can expect little to no interruption in customer service and other operational expectations.
- **Campus-Based Programs:** We received an outstanding number of proposals from institutions willing to open their doors to ASCA campus-based events and we did initially identify six sites for the 2020 Free Speech Institutes, Sexual Misconduct Institutes, and Student Organization Conduct Institutes. We certainly remain committed to offering these events in the future but have met with each planned campus and have agreed to pause conversations about these events until at least mid-May.
- **ASCA Analytics:** As we'd announced in early February, ASCA has partnered with software company Dynamic Benchmarking to bring online a new tool for ASCA members to benchmark institutional student conduct-related practices. While we

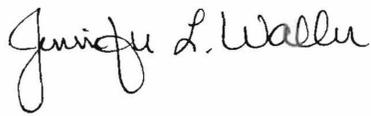
are still working on this important project, the realize the initial release date of April 1 is no longer feasible. We continue to work diligently to bring this project to fruition and will provide notification once it becomes available.

- **Donald. D. Gehring Academy:** We continue to monitor the situation as it unfolds. With more than three months before the event, we hope to be able to continue as scheduled and to see you in Minneapolis late July. However, we are exploring alternatives and promise to keep you abreast of any changes should we need to adjust this flagship event.

The presence of COVID-19 has shaken our campus systems and routines, but as always, our members remain innovative and resilient. ASCA will continue to share information with you and encourages the use of the free ASCA Chats as an avenue to remain engaged in dialogue with friends and colleagues.

We wish you all the best during this tumultuous time and ask that you reach out if the ASCA community can be of assistance.

[ASCA Chats](#)



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