This first week of transition for us all

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Hello staff and students,

What a difference a few weeks make! Thanks to COVID-19, we have all been stretched (and stressed) to our limits. But I am so impressed at how you are handling the changes. Moving all campus classes and operations to an off-campus format has been our focus, and it’s gone much smoother than expected.

Our student services team has taken on the challenge of ensuring excellence in personal service in a remote setting. They are defying the challenges and making great strides in talking with the students one-on-one, providing creative solutions to help students manage this change in class structure, and all while processing applicants and enrolling new students.

Faculty are personally working with students to ensure they have everything they need to succeed in class, and our MIS department has been working over me – including home visits so that all staff have the technology they need.

This is what family does, isn’t it? We reach outside of our own comfort to make sure others are comforted.

As a reminder, if you have any questions, email us at covid19update@cbshouston.edu.

Students - our website has the latest information, including an FAQ and the following remote support options:

- Technical support available for Blackboard, CBS email, and SonisWeb at: LearnHelpdesk@cbshouston.edu
- Librarians available to assist you with your research needs at LearnHelpdesk@cbshouston.edu
- Tutors available to help you with writing papers and other academic matters at http://learn.cbshouston.edu/tutoring.html
- Prayer and pastoral advice at: http://www.cbshouston.edu/ask-a-pastor

Staff – our employee portal is your one-stop shop for all things CBS.

Coming soon: A weekly video encouragement series located on our website, Facebook page, and employee portal.

We are facing weeks, and possibly months, of uncertainty. But with God’s grace, we will face it together.

Please know that my wife Zelda and I are praying for you during this difficult time.
And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart. 
Ecclesiastes 4:12

Serving Him with you,

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Dr. Bill Blocker, president