Attention Students:

To help prevent the transmission and spread of the COVID-19, LSUS is taking precautions to protect students, faculty, staff, and the community. Due to the increase in the number of cases in the Northwest Louisiana Region, we have made the difficult decision to close the University Center after 4:30 pm on April 3rd until further notice. This closure will mean that the Campus-Wide Lab will not be available to students after tomorrow, and the Food Pantry will not be available to students after 4 pm today.

We understand that this presents additional challenges for students who use these services, and we have created the following list of options to assist you:

Technology Assistance

For students needing internet and software access, we have the following alternatives available:

- The Virtual Computer Lab (VCL) is an online service which allows students to log into a Virtual Desktop to access software that is normally installed in the Campus Wide Lab. The VCL is available on or off campus, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are two virtual desktops available:
  - General Use Desktop
    The "General Use Desktop" has basic software including: Windows 10, Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access), Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, SPSS26, R, R Studio, WinSCP, FileZilla, Wolfram Mathematica, and NetBeans IDE. Users will also have access to their Z: Drive.
  - Advanced Software Desktop
    The "Advanced Software Desktop" is meant for users who require specialized software. This desktop has all the software installed on the "General Use Desktop" and additionally includes Autodesk Maya, Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, Acrobat Pro, etc.), ArcGIS, SQL Express, and Visual Studio Community.

    For more information on access or installation, visit the Virtual Computer Lab page.

- In order to assist those needing wireless internet access, we have set up a Wi-Fi network that can be accessed from vehicles parked in the Student Faculty Wi-Fi Parking Lot. Please click here for the campus map and Instructions on how to connect.

- If you need additional technical assistance or have technology concerns, please visit the LSUS IT Helpdesk at https://helpdesk.lsus.edu or call us at 318-797-5221.

Food Pantry Assistance

- The Food Pantry will be open today until 4 pm, and students may collect items up to the 75-pound monthly limit for April.

- A Student Emergency Relief Fund has been established to provide financial support to students during this time of national emergency, when students may face additional expenses and be at risk of prematurely separating from the University.
• If you need additional assistance or would like to discuss any of the options listed above, please email deanofstudents@lsus.edu.