

Dear Clarion community,

Like you, I am eagerly anticipating the start of the fall 2020 semester. With both Clarion and Venango campuses located in Green Phase-designated counties, I am excited to welcome returning students, and I'm especially excited about the arrival of our newest students who are just beginning their college experience. I am also eager to welcome back our faculty and staff with new safety protocols in place.

Fall 2020 will be different. We are still working on the exact details, and there are a lot of details, but be assured that we will operate in a way that is safe for students, faculty and staff. We will follow guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education, and we will provide the nationally recognized educational experiences that students have expected – and received – from us for more than 150 years.

Earlier this week, our fall 2020 Launch Team met. This group — made up of students, faculty and staff — has been meeting and will continue to meet to develop and implement actionable strategies for fall 2020. The on-campus experience for Clarion University students is truly unique, and we are working on specific details to ensure that our students can enjoy that experience in a safe way. I fully expect to see students on campus in August when the fall semester begins. Please watch your email for updates.

Each of us has been impacted by the changes this pandemic has brought to the world, but we are Golden Eagles. Together, we will persevere and soar.

Wings Up!

Dr. Dale