

To: BScN Students and Prospective Learners

Good Morning everyone,

You may have seen in headlines over this past 24 hours, where it has come to our collective attention that Laurentian University is experiencing significant financial challenges and has filed for creditor protection.

This message is to reach out to begin to address what this may mean for you, as one of Northern College's Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) students, or as someone looking to join our program.

We have been reassured by President Robert Haché that the institution remains committed to separating its financial difficulties from the day-to-day experience of students, programming and the direct business of education, saying:

"All decisions that are made and will continue to be made will be done in the best interests of our students, who rely on us to provide a top-quality education. Our faculty and staff are critically important in providing this student experience." – Robert Haché

With Northern College being a partner with Laurentian University for our Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, Haché acknowledges that we will have many questions about what has happened and what the future holds for you.

In the coming days and months, Laurentian University will work to answer those questions as it begins to restructure the University and determine what the future holds for it.

You, as our student, will always be our top priority. We will work to ensure that this has minimal or no impact on your studies, your ability to succeed and to graduate as a successful working professional in the healthcare field.

As you know and have heard over this past year, the situation is a fluid one. Please know that as soon as we have any further information to provide you with, we will.

In case you are wondering how Northern College is doing, we're pleased to let you know that is Northern in a much stronger financial position, and have a different set of guiding principles and rules than Universities like Laurentian.

All Ontario Colleges are run like a crown corporation, which means we are duty bound to report our financial positions to the Ontario Government regularly, participating in a series of checks and balances designed to ensure that our decision making is sound, both fiscally and with respect to the programming and education we have on offer. In addition, we always have to present a balanced (cannot be in deficit) budget to the Board and to the Ministry.

In the meantime, while there is a degree of uncertainty with regard to Laurentian University's finances, at this point in time, please let me reassure you that I and the entire team at Northern will work to ensure that you are supported in your studies.

Your education and studies are a full-time job, and this year is presenting challenges in ways that will assure both personal growth and professional ability for you and from all of us at Northern. Please exercise self-care as you move forward with your studies and know that you are a priority to us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out and ask,

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