



Dear Friends,

During uncertain times, we find comfort in the familiar and reliable. While circumstances have changed for SVSU (and around the world), our mission has not; we continue to transform lives through educational excellence. As the campus community has come together, remotely, to serve our students in different ways, including the SVSU Student Emergency Fund mentioned below, we're also relying on electronic communications to share the SVSU experience with our friends and alumni. With that in mind, our "Advance" newsletter will feature a few regular items over the next several

weeks.

We look forward to connecting with you and invite you to share any comments or questions at our email: foundation@svsu.edu.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Bethune".

Andrew J. Bethune '87
Executive Director, SVSU Foundation

The Show Must Go On Teaching Remotely

David Rzeszutek
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What is your greatest "aha" moment so far?

My greatest "aha" moment has been the realization that many students have not taken an online class before and are anxious about the adjusted format. I didn't realize how much I would be helping people adjust in addition to teaching theatre.

Describe your remote work space.

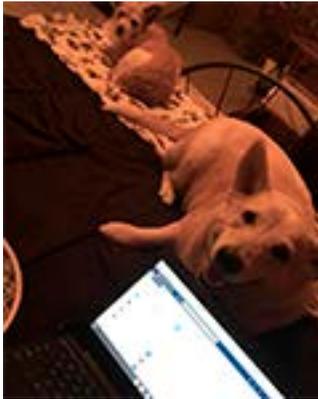
My workspace fluctuates between our kitchen and our dining room. It really depends on where I am less in the way of my family throughout the day.

What do you miss most about campus life?

I miss the face to face interactions with my students and colleagues. It has been nice seeing people remotely through various platforms, but there is something to be said about being able to interact in person.

What is one thing that has changed for you that most people wouldn't realize?

This new adjustment has made me explore new options in regard to: discovering relevant online content, how to best share ideas online, and how to build communities even if we not in the same room.



Rising to the Challenge Learning Online

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What is your greatest "aha" moment so far?

I think my greatest "aha" moment so far happened last Tuesday, when I was walking around campus and ended up eating lunch outside because the weather was beautiful. I didn't see a single soul outside. It's such a stark contrast from usual, because usually after the winter season, at the first bit of nice weather all the students flock to the outdoors for different activities just to enjoy the weather. It felt almost post-apocalyptic with everything being so quiet and not seeing anyone else.

Describe your remote work space.

My remote work space alternates from my bed and my desk at home, usually surrounded by my dogs. They don't really understand this whole working from home business, but they seem to enjoy it nonetheless.

What do you miss most about campus life?

I miss being able to see my friends the most. Living on campus is so nice because it makes hanging out with friends so easy. I would never get lonely because all my friends were a short walk or drive away. Now everyone is scattered across Michigan, and being a senior I feel like I am missing out on so much time I could have had with my friends.

What is one thing that has changed for you that most people wouldn't realize?

Being a senior, this just feels like I'm accelerating straight to the real post-grad world or finding a job and housing, even though I am still working and taking classes online. It has created a lot of stress and anxiety as far as applying for post-grad jobs, because there is so much uncertainty about when the virus will go away, or when it will be safe to stop self-quarantining.

Cardinal Athletics Celebrating Seniors

With the athletics season ending earlier than expected, we are celebrating Cardinal seniors who have concluded outstanding careers with SVSU. This week we give a shout out to [Mikayla Alexandrou](#), [Kasey Bagelmann](#) and [Morgan Duda](#) of SVSU Softball. We wish them the best as they take their hard work, determination and spirit of teamwork into their lives after graduation!

You can read more about the Cardinal Softball team [here](#).



Alexandrou



Bagelmann



Duda



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Student Emergency Fund Financial Relief Available for Students

The coronavirus pandemic has upended the lives of SVSU students. To help students who may be facing financial hardships due to the loss of work hours, unexpected moving costs, healthcare costs or other circumstances beyond their control, SVSU provides financial relief through the [SVSU Student Emergency Fund](#). The SVSU Student Emergency Fund provides immediate assistance to students facing unexpected financial hardships. If you are in a position to help, please consider a gift to this fund. Your donation will help students stay in school and provide financial relief at a time when they need it most.

If you would like to bring some much-needed stability to a student, you can [make a gift here](#).



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