Dear {Alumnus/a},

While some of our students and faculty are struggling to make remote learning work, our alumni are also adjusting to a new normal — working from home — or facing unforeseen challenges. As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, we hope to support and uplift one another. We all need some compassion and kindness right now.

We’ve been encouraged by the way our Niner Nation and our business partners are pulling together to support each other.

Here are just a few examples:

- MBA student and Belk College alumnus James Rivenbark '05, '20, who owns a restaurant in Indian Land, South Carolina, receiving support from UNC Charlotte’s alumni network.
- Belk College Professor Steven Rogelberg, renowned for his research on meetings, offering tips for setting up successful virtual meetings.
- Business partner Lowe’s providing boxes and other supplies for UNC Charlotte students for the move back home.

We’d like to share even more stories of Niners supporting each other through this crisis. Please email your stories to me at kinsey.sheehan@uncc.edu. We look forward to sharing those stories as we ramp up our communications to Business Niners over the next few weeks.

Our community is working together to support students dealing with unexpected financial burdens as a result of COVID-19. By supporting the UNC Charlotte Student Emergency Relief Fund and the Jamil Niner Student Pantry Fund we can help address those needs, together.

Please also know we are working to bolster our virtual resources for networking and development and continuing to support our Belk College Alumni Network through the Niner Business Network and lifetime access to the University Career Center. We are here for you.

With Niner Pride,

Kinsey Sheehan
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