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Friends of Base Camp,

Due to recent developments with the ongoing efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, Base Camp has made a series of changes to support the health and well-being of our students and communities. The current classroom has shifted to a virtual workspace, and we are staying true to our ethos of providing the students with hands-on learning by using the same tools and features that would let them collaborate long-distance in their future careers. Our 2020 class is on pace to cover all of their coursework on time, and we are collaborating with potential employers to make a shift toward video interviews.

Progress is still being made on our expansion with Project Everest: Mississippi's First Rural Education and Innovation Hub. But in the interest of safety, our existing facility is temporarily closed and the 2020 graduation ceremony is postponed indefinitely until we have more clarity about the safety of attendees. We continue to monitor the news and government guidance daily to make accommodations.

We are very excited about the students accepted to the incoming 2021 class, and we are continuing to interview potential candidates via virtual platforms. The 2021 class start date may be delayed, and our instruction team is planning a rigorous onboarding to help our incoming students build their skills speedily when they are able to attend class. We are still accepting nominations and applications for our incoming class, and we are accepting [nominations](#) through the middle of next month.

Our current students and incoming class benefit greatly from your support. The shift to remote work has created more opportunities for virtual mentorship and support, and any advice, lessons, or positive encouragement is welcome. We have alumni pitching in co-leading lectures and connecting with students, and the move to virtual has opened doors for a new type of networking for our students. Discovering job opportunities for our future graduates has become more challenging during this time; please reach out if you know of any opportunities for our students.

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