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Dear Ms. Hibbert,

With spring, we usher in fresh air, brighter days and a feeling of hope. As we mark the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am grateful to be able to reach out to you and reflect on the resilience of our community and how you, our donors, inspire hope in so many.

Hope is the touchstone of the Foundation's mission to support Macomb Community College. Our students are at the heart of our fundraising efforts. Through your generosity we continue to keep their hope of an education alive as they cope with the devastating financial and emotional impact the pandemic has had on them.

The Macomb Student Immediate Relief Fund, established over a year ago, has provided critical financial assistance to our students. Your support of this fund helps students struggling, not only with paying tuition, but also with affording basic life expenses.

Every gift inspires hope. The words of appreciation from our students express the impact of your generosity:

"Your [assistance] helped me keep my home and provide a meal for my child. Thank you so much for being there for me in these difficult times." ~ Tina Baker, Macomb student.

"When a [community] sees the value and invests in this underrepresented population, it's truly remarkable. It sends out a message of hope." ~ Jennifer Lafon, Macomb alum.

"You helped me to finish my degree in troubling times." ~ Timothy Masters, Macomb alum.

"[You] inspired me to go beyond my comfort zone, be courageous, and start fresh in a new town and new career." ~ Alexis Perry, Macomb Police Academy alum.

"You helped me acquire a computer to continue online classes after COVID-19 changes." ~ Laura Estrada, Macomb student.

As we continue to receive these notes to the Foundation office, we are acutely aware of the hardships Macomb students overcome through your generosity. As their need continues to grow, I am reaching out to appeal to you for your support of the Macomb Student Immediate Relief Fund.

Please join me in making a gift to the Macomb Student Immediate Relief Fund today and your gift will be matched 1:1 up to \$10,000 through the generosity of First State Bank. It is through your gifts, that we will continue to inspire hope.

Sincerely,

Christina S. Ayar, Director

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P.S. To make an immediate impact with your gift, please visit www.macomb.edu/give.

