

DR. BILLY C. HAWKINS
President



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Dear Talladega College Students,

This has been a turbulent and trying season for our nation. Headlines are filled with alarming stories about the coronavirus pandemic, police brutality and incomprehensible violence. In the midst of these uncontrollable circumstances, I have been consumed by two thoughts - how to keep you safe during the pandemic and how to help ensure that you remain on the path to graduation.

While Talladega College has developed the most comprehensive [safety plan](#) imaginable, we have also prepared [online options](#) for those of you who may need to remain home for the fall semester. Please respond to this [brief survey](#) so that we can know how to best serve you.

I cannot begin to express how much your success means to me. I urge you to hold fast to your goals and dreams. You may feel caught in a swirl of circumstances that you cannot control, but you can forge ahead despite the alarming “new normal” that feels anything but normal.

Years from now, people will marvel at how you persevered during one of our nation’s most trying times. Your determination will set an example for generations to come.

Let nothing prevent you from achieving the academic success that you rightfully deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billy C. Hawkins".

Billy C. Hawkins, Ph.D.
President