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Dear Mech-Tech Institute Student:

As I mentioned in the previous communication from April 16, Mech-Tech Institute **is working on the procedure** for the distribution of the funds granted under the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act* (CARES Act). You must already know that this economic stimulus has contemplated aid for different sectors including education institutions such as Mech-Tech Institute, a part of those funds is destined to help you, directly, as student.

The process to obtain these funds as established by the *United States Department of Education* (US ED), has already begun for Mech-Tech, we are ready for the next steps and the receiving of funds.

Once the portion assigned to Mech-Tech is reflected in the electronic system that is used to handle these funds, **we will announce more details of the distribution of these aids to students; we project to distribute up to a maximum of \$1,200.00 by active student as soon as possible, once the funds are received.**

The interest of the U.S. Government and the Department of Education of the United States is for the student community to have a relief and help at this difficult moment for all, in which your modality of studies changed drastically, and we all have been obliged to adapt and adjust. This crisis due to the Coronavirus has been an unexpected situation for all, and we want to transfer this unprecedented help as soon as possible. In Mech-Tech we maintain as a goal to process more information in less time, because we know that it is one of the Winning practices; in addition, we believe that "luck is experience when it faces opportunity". Therefore, we are focused on working fast and in compliance with Federal requirements as we always do. Our focus is you, and our mission is for you to complete your studies and become part of the recovery of a Nation by acquiring a High-Skills Technical Career that you have chosen in Mech-Tech.

The United States Department of Education has been clear that this help is for you to cover expenses related to the changes that the Coronavirus has brought to your life as a student. **You can cover the cost of materials, technology, food, housing, medical expenses, and childcare; among others related to the emergency.** I recommend that you use this aid wisely. If you have the need to buy a computer or Tablet, use the aid to acquire this equipment; if you have an additional expense of having internet of better capacity, use this aid to cover for it. This is my most sincere advice, use the funds to help you continue your studies and complete your professional career.



Regarding the laboratories and practical workshops, you will complete them at your Mech-Tech campus or center as soon as it is safe for everyone to return; for now, use this aid to cover your expenses and continue your studies while we are distancing.

I remind you, in addition, that as a Mech-Tech student you have **exclusive** access to recognized certifications by the industry, such as, NC3ⁱ who are providing each day additional remote accesses so that you can take your certifications. Maintain good communication with your instructors so that you can benefit from this valuable opportunity that Mech-Tech Institute only offers thanks to its global alliances with Snap-on and with 3M and Lincoln; among others. Maintain your progress now and focus on your goal, graduate! I repeat; you will take the laboratories and practical workshops, because we will help you achieve it. In addition, you have a student discount for Snap-on tools which are the ideal complement so that you can prepare when seeking employment or begin working through professional services.

We are committed to you and your professional future.

As soon as the CARES Act funds are available, we will let you know the specific steps to follow so that you can receive this emergency aid as soon as possible and cover related expenses due to the Coronavirus situations.

It is important that you are attentive to communications from the institution and, most of all, that you maintain communication with your instructors and your group.

Orlando needs Mech-Technicians such as you. We hope that you are proud of being part of Mech-Tech; together we are The Winning Team, the Drag Racing World Records team; the Team of Technicians and Specialists that are necessary to maintain competitiveness, and together, we will move forward!

I hope to see you soon,

Edwin J. Colón
Chief Executive Officer

ⁱ NC3 is the National Coalition of Certification Centers that unite the industry with education to recognize training needed and what institution offers it. Mech-Tech Institute is in the only institution in Central Florida, member of NC3; these certifications are offered as an added value to the student and cover different topics within the programs of study, refer to www.nc3.net or find it in You Tube in Mech-Tech's channel "NC3 Interview", for more details.