



March 24, 2020

Dear Friends,

Needless to say—but I want nevertheless to say it—all of us at the Teagle Foundation send wishes of good health and safety to all with whom we have worked and hope to work in the future, and to your families, friends, and colleagues.

The Teagle Foundation's commitment to liberal education for all students feels more urgent than ever. What we are experiencing and witnessing raises many deep and difficult questions about the role of government, the power of words, the value of historical knowledge in relation to the present and future, the responsibility of individuals for the welfare of others, the problem of ambiguity even in the realm of science, the parallel contagion of fear—to name just a few.

We don't have clear answers to these questions, but we do know that the kind of work you do and we support—sympathetic teaching, reflective learning, fostering civic awareness and cultural sensitivity—is indispensable for a morally healthy society in extraordinary as well as ordinary times.

We understand, of course, that many of you are coping with unprecedented challenges, and that your first priorities must be the welfare of your students, colleagues, and institutions. We want you to know that our current commitments will be met and that we are working with grantees to adjust project timelines and deliverables in the face of this disruption.

The COVID-19 pandemic requires collective sacrifice not only to protect public health but to build a stronger society for the future. To that end, we will redouble our commitment to you and your students.

Please take care, and stay in touch.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andrew Delbanco'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andrew Delbanco
President
The Teagle Foundation