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Greetings CS Corporate Partners,

We are disappointed to inform you that the Computer Science Corporate Partners Meeting and Awards Banquet is being cancelled. President Mitch Daniels and Provost Jay Akridge have just informed the Purdue Community with the following announcement:

The global outbreak of COVID-19 continues to warrant the attention of each and every one of us as we work together to keep our students, staff, and faculty safe and healthy. While we have no cases of COVID-19 on our campus, there are confirmed cases in Indiana. We continue to make decisions in our precaution-containment-continuity framework, with our overarching focus on health and safety – especially for those in high risk categories. Ensuring health and safety now means taking actions that aim to limit exposure of Purdue community members to the virus, imposing social distancing where appropriate, and generally elevating preventive hygiene practices across the campus.

To that end, and following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), and our own public health safety experts, we are implementing a number of actions intended to slow the spread of the virus and protect the health of our Purdue community. We recognize that these actions will be disruptive and create challenges for many of you, as well as have financial implications for the University, but the health and safety of our community is our focus at this extraordinary time.

The University has suspended sponsored events involving external visitors effective March 23 through May 2, 2020.

Although we are unable to host the Computer Science Awards Banquet, scholarships and awards will still be announced. Recipients will be contacted via email after April 15.

Sincerely,

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