First, we in the Office of Research, Scholarship, and Innovation want to say thank you SO much for your registration and interest in participating in CARS 2020! We loved reading all of your abstracts and learning about the work you all are doing.

As you probably guessed, in this crazy, unprecedented time, this year's CARS event will not be taking place as planned, on Tuesday, April 14th.

That said, we hesitate to use the word "canceled." We are not cancelling CARS...we are merely reenvisioning it!

The annual Creative Activity and Research Showcase is all about celebrating the incredible work you, our students, have done throughout the year. This year, over 425 students submitted to CARS 2020! Many of you expressed specific excitement about having the chance to share your work. To that end, even in the midst of this craziness, we want to provide a way for that sharing and celebration to still take place!

We know that the move to digital learning and losing a week of class presents some challenges, so we are creating an asynchronous platform (via Google Sites) for you to be able to "present" and share your work, *if you want,* that will make for more flexible engagement over time.

Below are details and facts (including deadlines) about CARS2020 2.0:

- RSI is creating a Google Sites platform for the Nazareth Community to engage with student content. Submitted content will be curated in categories similar to the event and as in the program (i.e. Papers/Presentations, Honors Capstones, Posters, etc.).
- Students, if you want to share a paper or other spoken presentation, please video record your presentation, upload it to Youtube, and paste the Youtube URL to this Google Doc
- If you want to share a poster, please upload a PDF or JPEG of your poster into this Google Drive folder (you may submit a video along with your poster as well as a YouTube link on this Google Doc if you choose)
- *All submitted projects must reflect the original project submitted in your initial CARS registration* (with the exception of performances. If you have registered for a group performance, but would like to upload an individual performance instead, please do so by video as a presentation...see above).
- **ALL VIDEOS OR POSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA THE METHOD ABOVE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH**
- The CARS site will then be made live mid-week the week of April 20th
- Commenting will be made available for each submission so the Nazareth community can engage with your work and ask questions, and you can respond asynchronously
- The site will remain live for the rest of the semester so the community can engage as they are able
- ***The CARS program will still be published and available on the CARS2020 site via PDF so all originally submitted projects and abstracts can be viewed and you can download a copy for your records***

We know a number of faculty members work CARS into their course requirements. It is up to each faculty member whether or not they want to do that with this new format (e.g. have an assignment that requires students to submit a video or poster for inclusion on the site). From our end, sharing via this method is optional; *students who already registered for CARS are under no obligation to share content for the site.* Your names and abstracts will still be included in the published program regardless.

We hope you share and we look forward to seeing the work that you have done!

If you have any additional questions at this time, please do let us know! Contact info: Jess Slentz (jslentz5@naz.edu) and Debbie Mathewson (dmathew4@naz.edu)
Good luck as classes start up again next week. We hope you all have a great rest of the spring semester and stay well!

CARS 2020 Committee