



Dear student, colleague and professional in the work field

We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your strength and perseverance. Corona has been taking a heavy toll on everyone for a year now.

The virus strikes at the heart of certain groups in society, such as the elderly, entrepreneurs and, of course, especially the next of kin. But also young people. Locked up in your room. No more sports, going out or just chilling out with your friends. We know that it is not always easy for you to keep to the corona restrictions. It is amazing how you have come up with all kinds of initiatives to cheer each other up and get you through

this. No matter how difficult, keep to the rules. Also at home, so that we can soon go outside again to celebrate freedom.

Respect also for all our lecturers and other colleagues. From one day to the next, you had to work at home. And then you also had to set up high-quality online education. It worked, and how! Chapeau!

It touched us deeply that in addition to your work you also hold fundraising events. With the collected groceries or amounts of money, you support students who have lost their jobs and are short of money.

We know that corona has also caused intense pain behind many house doors. Students and colleagues have lost loved ones or have run into financial difficulties because the businesses of those closest to them have fallen on hard times. Illness, loneliness, sadness and sometimes despair alternate. Some go through deep troughs, but we hold on to each other from a distance. Keep doing that, by doing so we will come out of this stronger.

A special word of thanks also to all the countless institutions and companies where our students do their internships. You often live in the same uncertainty. The fact that you

nevertheless offer work placements to our students and think along with us is indescribable. Our deepest appreciation to you all! Fortunately, there is light at the end of the tunnel. So hang in there! Strength to everyone who reads this.

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