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Dear Students:

We want to make all students aware of changes in Central Baptist Theological Seminary's participation in the Title IV Federal Student Loan program. Effective immediately, the school will no longer participate in the loan program. Pending loan disbursements and processing of loan applications will not take place from this point forward.

This immediate action results from an adverse Department of Education interpretation of regulations related to religious institutions in Kansas and is beyond the seminary's capacity to challenge. The seminary and its students have performed flawlessly during our multi-decade loan program participation. Central has incurred no administrative anomalies and the seminary's students have manifested a zero cohort-default-rate in the program to date—an exceptional outcome.

Withdrawal from the program does not affect current scholarship programs through the seminary, VA benefits, or the school's accreditation status. School administration is working to develop other educational lending options. Current and prospective students will be informed as new opportunities are finalized.

Central maintains its commitment to keeping graduate level theological education affordable and accessible. We are grateful that you continue to choose Central as the place to achieve your educational goals.

As you have questions about the billing, please contact the Business office at [cmohr@cbts.edu](mailto:cmohr@cbts.edu). Questions regarding seminary scholarships can be directed to Stephen Guinn, Associate Dean for Instructional Support and Student Success, at [sguinn@cbts.edu](mailto:sguinn@cbts.edu).

Sincerely,

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Provost & Dean of the Faculty

