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Good morning, and welcome to Commencement Week!

Well, folks, we've almost made it. It's been one heck of a wild ride over the last 14 months, but here we are, stronger than ever before. There are no words to thank you enough for all you've done—completely revamping classes, lecturing for hours each day in a mask, missing the interaction with your students and colleagues, staring at black boxes on Zoom. I don't know about you, but this year's Commencement will feel particularly celebratory to me. Even though we'll still be wearing masks and be spaced apart, honoring about 800 of our 2020 and 2021 graduates – *in person and TOGETHER* – will be so gratifying. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

A quick reminder that there will be no processional at Commencement, so skip Hammons Student Center and come straight to JQH Arena. Also, [make sure you know which ceremony to attend](#).

A couple of announcements:

- **Faculty and MCCA** – MCCA is seeking to strengthen their support of faculty and is asking for feedback. Please [take this short survey](#), which is designed to help discover the needs/wants of community college faculty throughout the state.
- **Faculty Senate Election Results** - The results are in! Here are your Faculty Senators for 2021-2022:

President: **Kristy Conner** (Health Sciences)
Vice President: **Trisha White** (General Education)
Secretary: **Ross Lowrance** (Technical Education)
Treasurer: **Andrew Crocker** (General Education)
Communications Liaison: **Craig Granger** (General Education)

Health Sciences Division Senators

Dani Brink, Kristy Conner, Sarah Gamble, Tracie Liska

Technical Education Senators

John Spear, Debbi Stinnett

General Education Senators

Peris Carr, Andrew Crocker, Jared Durden, David Fotopulos, Shelby Gannott, Jeff Kulback, Morgan Presley

*The next scheduled meeting for Faculty Senate will be **Thursday, September 16, 2021**, from 3-4 p.m.

This will be my last planned *Provost's Notes* until August. I hope you all can enjoy a bit more relaxed pace this summer, and I hope you'll be intentional about it. You've earned it.

See you in the fall.

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