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Good morning!

Here are this week's announcements:

HEADS UP, FACULTY ADVISORS: With the success we've seen in the early phases of Student Success implementation (increased retention, grades, and persistence for those students served through the Student Success model), we're excited to move toward full implementation in the fall. As this happens over the summer and into early fall, there will be many changes. One of the biggest changes will be how we support students. The plan is for students to have one point of contact for assistance until they reach their educational goal. Every student will have an assigned admissions counselor to guide them through the admissions process, and once students have registered for courses, they will be assigned a college navigator. These college navigators will assist students with any needs they may have whether it is registration, long-term planning, or financial aid.

As we've discussed over the last couple of years, as these changes come, there will no longer be a need for faculty advising. Over the summer, those of you who have advising loads will start to see them disappear. Again, full implementation will not happen until fall. **Please continue to meet with your advisees throughout the rest of the Spring semester.** The Student Success team asked me to share that they cannot thank our faculty advisors enough for all the hard work and dedication they have shown throughout the years as they have assisted with advising students.

MCCA CONVENTION – CALL FOR PROPOSALS: Presenting at the Missouri Community College Association convention is a great way to build your professional network and share your knowledge with colleagues across the state. The call for proposals is out now, with proposals due by Friday, May 6 at 11:59 p.m. [This link](#) will give you all relevant details.

STUDENT SUCCESSES TO CELEBRATE: Once again, our students killed it at SkillsUSA State Conference this year. Out of 36 students participating, OTC brought home 8 gold and 10 silver medals, and 1 bronze medal. Our 8 first-place finishers qualify for the SkillsUSA National Conference held in June in Atlanta. Congratulations to these students – and to their faculty members as well!

Our Phi Theta Kappa chapter also cleaned up at the national convention, Catalyst, which was held in Denver last week. Our chapter won an award for distinguished regional officer team and was in the top 100 for most distinguished chapter based upon their College Project and Honors in Action entries. Congratulations to these students, as well as Todd Yerby, Director of Honors, and Honors Assistant Cassidy Bright-Turner. They have done a great job leading this group!

OTC CARES: Dr. Drew Aberle, dean of the Richwood Valley Campus and acting dean of General Education, received an email last week from a student. The student named several OTC departments specifically, as well as a few specific individuals:

After being with this institution for four years the professors, teachers, counselors, and academic advisors have done exceptionally well answering my questions, provided resources, and have directed me where I have needed these past four years. I honestly can say for me graduating has only been made possible by the overall staff at the Table Rock Campus such as Academic Advisor Joanna, Mrs. Zaagsma, Pan Porter, Lisa Bare, and several more. There also have been professors at the Springfield campus providing direction and resources for me to reach my goal in one of the hardest times in my life that I still am fighting. First and foremost the O.T.C. Foundation deserves my utmost respect and honor for they were the only reason for my completion of the '21 Fall semester. Their donation will never be forgotten. I wouldn't have known about them if it were not for my Professor, Angie Enlow.

I don't know who this student is, but I will be remembering this email and celebrating them at Commencement this year.

Have a great week!

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