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Good afternoon!

It's that time of year when things are getting super busy. In just a few weeks, all of our graduation ceremonies will begin, culminating with Commencement on May 19. It will be here before we know it!

MOBILE PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed for the last three dates of the Mobile Pantry for the semester: April 13, April 21 and May 11. If you'd like to help, please [click here](#) and scroll to these dates to sign up. Thanks for your willingness to help out!

OTC CARES: On Wednesday night, the OTC Foundation hosts one of my favorite events, the Donor Reception. This event allows generous donors to OTC Foundation scholarships to truly see the impact of their gifts: They get to meet their student recipients. There is no more powerful way for them to understand what their donations mean than by hearing firsthand our students' stories. This event always energizes me by reminding me of the importance of our work. I believe you all would agree that there is power in listening to our students' stories.

As we enter the final stretch of the semester, in the midst of the mad-dash to the finish line, I hope that in the frenzy we remember to stop and listen to our students. In the poem, ["Generous Listening."](#) Marilyn Nelson encourages us to lean in, to wonder, and to be curious by asking, "Who is this miracle speaking to me? And who is this miracle listening? What amazingness are we creating?"

Here's to listening to our miracles and creating a lot of amazingness this week.

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