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Good morning!

Last week sure was a good one. I enjoyed my visits at Richwood Valley and the Republic Education Center. It was nice to visit with old friends and get to make a few new ones. *And the picnics!* I hope that many of you had the chance to participate in at least one student picnic. Seeing our students dancing and having fun brought me a lot of joy. Plus, I scored a few absolutely gorgeous mums at the Richwood Valley picnic (thanks, Ag faculty and students!). Here are a few announcements:

Student Learning Experience Task Force Faculty Survey: The Student Learning Experience Task Force worked with the Strategic Initiative One, Goal Group Three to learn more about students during the spring 2022 semester. Through interviews, the team was able to gain valuable information about how students view learning and how they define success. This fall, that goal group has been tasked with obtaining the faculty perspective. This survey has several of the same questions we asked students, as well as questions specific to teaching, such as teaching strategies and your needs as an instructor. **Please take a few minutes to complete the anonymous survey and share your thoughts:** https://otcc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_41HWeAiU181egFE The survey will be open from September 26 – October 7. If you have questions about this initiative, please contact SLE@otc.edu.

Come Join the FUN: You've shared your desire to have more opportunities to hang out with other faculty colleagues. Now's your chance! On **Thursday (9/29) from noon – 1 p.m., I will host the first Faculty Unplug & Network (FUN)**. No agenda, no objective. Just snacks and each other. Here's the link to RVSP: <https://hr.otc.edu/event/faculty-unplug-and-network/> I hope to see you there!

College Development Day: A reminder (as if you needed one) that the college will be closed for Fall Break on Monday, October 3. **All full-time employees will convene for College Development Day on Tuesday, October 4** at the Springfield Expo Center on St. Louis Street – *not* White River (we've outgrown that space!). Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m., and the program starts at 8:30 a.m.

That afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m., **you are invited to join CAI-AC (CAI Advisory Committee) faculty hosts for a drop-in, informal faculty mixer**. Discussion tables, oversized games, and refreshments will be provided. Come "mix it up," make a new faculty friend, and make new faculty members feel welcome.

Clothing Donations: Take advantage of the upcoming long weekend by cleaning out a closet or two. A reminder that Career Services is once again gearing up for **Dress for Success**, an event held for students needing professional attire for interviews. The details:

- Donations accepted October 5-10 in the new Career Services location, ICE 121 on the Springfield campus.
- Only clean, gently used attire meant for the workplace is accepted – no items with stains,

holes, or odors, please.

- Priority needs are men's clothing and accessories, as well as plus-size clothing.
- Clean scrubs for our Health Sciences students, as well as work jeans and steel-toed boots for our Technical Education students, are welcome donations.
- Belts, purses, and shoes (3 pairs max) will be accepted.

All items are *completely free for our students*. The event will be held October 17-18. A signup sheet will be distributed shortly for those interested in volunteering for the event. If you have questions, please contact Tammy Casey (caseyt@otc.edu).

This week, I'm looking forward to visiting the Table Rock campus and also to our first Academic Council meeting of the Fall semester. Wishing you all another great week!

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