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Good morning, and happy Monday!

We're looking forward to another great week at OTC. Here are a few of the good things going on this week:

Community Resource Fair: Do your students need assistance with food, transportation, housing, childcare, medical care, mental health, safety, or social support? I think we all know the answer to that question is "yes." **Please help spread the word to your students about the Community Resource Fair** being held tomorrow, November 15, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the Springfield campus in the Jared Family Atrium. Organizations such as The GLO Center, Salvation Army, MSU Care Clinic, The Victim Center, Legal Aid, Planned Parenthood and more will be there. There will also be a giveaway drawing for current OTC students who participate. The attached flyer has all the details.

I and You: [Get your tickets now](#) for OTC's return to the stage this week as Theatre instructor Jon Herbert directs *I and You*, a story that focuses on the relationship between two high school students from very different worlds. The play runs November 17-20 in Lincoln Hall 211 on the Springfield campus. The event is FREE and open to the public.

Free Vision Screenings: Vision screenings continue this week at OTC on the Springfield campus on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in NKM 120. Check the [Calendar of Events](#) for upcoming screenings at non-Springfield locations.

OTC Cares: Last Wednesday night at the Gillioz, 40 OTC students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa. I want to give a special shout out to Todd Yerby, Director of Honors. Todd and Honors Coordinator, Cassidy Bright, have done an exceptional job leading the Honors Program and PTK. They invest a tremendous amount of time into providing meaningful opportunities for our students, and they align all their efforts to the four pillars: student-centered, holistic, data-informed, and proactive. Todd and Cassidy have continued to build on the solid foundation established by Steve and Jo Fritts, who served as PTK advisors for many years before Todd took over last year.

As I stood backstage at the Gillioz, I chatted with a few of our PTK students who are serving as chapter officers. They told me about degrees they are pursuing and career plans: aerospace engineer, endocrinologist, journalist (I found myself having a serious inferiority complex). They told me about how much involvement in PTK means to them and what they have each gained from it: opportunity, leadership skills, connection, and support. None of that happens by accident; it takes a lot of thought, planning, and hard work to pull it off. If you know Todd, you know that he loves his precious family, his farm, and hunting (I *think* in that order). If you *really* know Todd, you know that he has a heart of made of pure, solid gold. And that heart is on full display day in, day out through his exceptional work with Honors at OTC. A huge thank you to him for what he gives to the college and our students every single day.

Have a great week!

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