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Good morning, and Happy Finals Week – we made it!

As we wind down the Fall 2022 semester, as always, you have my thanks for the exceptional work you do. It is not one bit easy, but it is every bit important. My hope is that you fully appreciate your impact.

A few things of note:

**Winter Joy:** Please join us as we gather for the OTC Choirs and Jazz Band winter concert Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Drury Stone Chapel. The attached flyer has all the details.

**OTC Adaptive Devices Showcase:** I love a good interdepartmental collab, and this one is no exception. When you get a moment, visit the <u>OTC Adaptive Devices Showcase website</u> to see the creative work of our Occupational Therapy Assistant, Technical Writing, and Drafting and Design Technology students. Fascinating solutions to real-world limitations for those with mobility issues – just another reason to be proud of these programs.

January Faculty Development Days: Too soon? We've listened to your feedback, and I'm pleased to say that we've planned a more streamlined series of events for January with more of what you like, and less of what you don't. Full-time faculty will gather on Wednesday, January 11 and start the day with coffee, snacks, and conversation in the Jared Family Atrium. From there, full-time faculty will move to Lincoln 211 for a shortened morning meeting at 9:30. Check the Faculty Development Days website for updates and the full agenda.

On Thursday, January 12 there will be a faculty forum on academic integrity in PMC 103 AB. This will be an interactive session where we can discuss academic integrity, share practices, and get OTC questions answered by a panel. I encourage you to submit your forum questions, concerns, or suggestions in advance using <a href="mailto:this form">this form</a>. This is a multi-faceted hot topic that involves everything from proctoring to concerns about artificial intelligence (<a href="mailto:ChatGPT">ChatGPT</a> anyone?). How do we address academic integrity in this age of so many sophisticated tools? I hope you'll join in the discussion.

Well, folks...this is my last *Provost's Notes* of the semester. Finals and final grade submissions (**reminder: no later than Monday, 12/19 at 10 a.m.**) are all that stand between you and a well-deserved Winter Break. I wish you a smooth week followed by a big sigh of relief, then a few weeks of R&R. We'll meet again in 2023.

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