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Good morning!

We have lots of things to celebrate this morning: The sun is shining, temps are moving toward the 60s, and the Lombardi Trophy is headed back to KC! In the spirit of celebration, I thought I'd use this *Provost's Notes* to share only good news:

Arts/GDT/EMP Merger: As we further embrace the OTC Cares framework, this requires a look at the way our academic programs are organized. Is it serving students optimally? Are students with similar interests presented with a full range of academic and career options? Or are we organizing programs arbitrarily by division? These questions led to a merger of our outstanding Electronic Media Production and Graphic Design Technology programs with Fine Arts & Humanities, to create a new **Arts + Design + Humanities** department. This one department now comprises all OTC creative, digital, and performing arts courses and programs, along with a broad slate of humanities courses. Kat Allie, department chair, is already leading the faculty to dream up all manner of collaborations and increased opportunities for students, whether their goal is to hone their creative skills, transfer on for a bachelor's degree, or go straight to work. I am excited to see what emerges from their collaborations!

Fall 2022 Accomplishments: The data from Fall 2022 are rolling in, and there's some good stuff to report!

- All our 2022 Paramedic grads passed their registry exam on their first attempt.
- Every OTC nursing program (all ASN cohorts and LPN programs) had 100% NCLEX licensure pass rates for the 4th quarter of 2022.
- OTC more than doubled its number of Fast Track recipients for the Fall 2022 semester.
- Out of 40 student submissions made by our Graphic Design Technology program to the American Advertising Awards (Heartland Region), 25 of them are gold, silver, or bronze winners.
- Live Virtual Learning (LVL) data for Fall 2022 continue to show increased retention and success rates over OTC system retention and success rates:

Retention % (22/FA LVL Centers)	Retention % (22/FA OTC)
85.06%	79.01%
Success % (22/FA LVL Centers)	Success % (22/FA OTC)
73.37%	68.05%
<p>Note:</p> <p>These results are based upon General Education/BCS course sections and exclude dual high school, dual credit, College Now, high school onsite, and Middle College sections.</p>	

Have a great Valentine's week!

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