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Good morning!

Last week was busy with several events, and this week is shaping up to be the same. We had a great time celebrating our <u>PTK All-Missouri Award winners</u> at the luncheon last week in Columbia, and this week we travel to Columbus, Ohio, for the PTK Catalyst convention. But before that, on Tuesday we'll celebrate our first graduates of the season with the High School Equivalency Graduation Ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Gillioz. This ceremony is one of my favorites and always so special.

Here are a few other happenings:

Please Remind Students to Register: Please take a few seconds in your classes this week to remind students to register. We are encouraged by the uptick in enrollment, but we have a number of current students who have not yet secured their seats for summer and fall.

Dress for Success Update: Thanks to all of you who donated clothing for the Dress for Success event and to all who have signed up to volunteer! There are still a few times available. <u>Check out the signup</u> if you're interested.

OTC Choirs Take NYC: Our OTC Choirs have been having the time of their lives in New York City for the last several days. They were <u>honored to be invited to perform as part of a choir directed by world-renowned composter Eric Whitacre</u>. Here's a picture of Alberta Smith, OTC Choir Director, and the students with Whitacre. Hard to tell who is having more fun.

We so love Alberta's dedication to her students. Alberta acknowledged that this trip for some of these students would be "lifechanging." As I think about the travel opportunities we provide to students – whether it's a trip to New York City, travel to a SkillsUSA competition, or an overseas trip to Nicaragua – I'm reminded that for so many of them, these experiences truly are once-in-a-lifetime and lifechanging. I am so proud of the work we do and the people we have, like Alberta, who invest their time and their hearts so freely.

Have a great week!

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