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Good morning!

Last week was a whirlwind of travel to and from Columbus, Ohio, for the PTK Catalyst convention. And wow, what a party! As Dr. Higdon said in yesterday's *Notes*, if you want to feel good about the future, engage with PTK. Thousands of community college students attended, and their energy was infectious. We are so proud of our own PTK chapter, led by Todd Yerby and Cassidy Bright. These two are working incredibly hard to provide our students with valuable opportunities that they might not have had otherwise. As we hear more and more about the younger generation experiencing the negative effects of isolation, organizations like PTK give students the ability to connect with one another, develop friendships, establish professional networks, and build community.

This week, I'm looking forward to visiting our Waynesville and Lebanon Education Centers, as well as the Leadership OTC Graduation. Also, the last Academic Council meeting of the spring semester is on Wednesday. That means we're officially on the countdown to the end of the semester: Three weeks and finals!

Have a great week!

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