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Good morning!

Well, at home this morning I turned the wall calendar to May. And if it's May, you know that means we're in the home stretch to the end of the semester, and there is **A LOT** going on. Here's just a sampling:

Bookmark-Worthy Student Support Resources: I've attached an email I received last week from Daniel Ogunyemi, OTC's College Director of Global Engagement and Opportunity. This email provides links to all current college resources for student support, as well as highlights Student Affairs' efforts to engage with students to identify any gaps in the support we provide.

Upcoming Arts Events: Our Fine Arts + Humanities faculty and students have been busy this semester, and they look to stay that way through the end of it. From student art exhibits to the Spring Choirs and Jazz Band concert, there's plenty of opportunity to see our students' exceptional talent on display. You can check out the schedule for these events [here](#), and also check out the Arts + Design + Humanities booth at [ArtsFest](#) this coming weekend.

OTC Choirs in NYC: Our choir students, led by choir director Alberta Smith, had a fantastic trip to New York City singing under the direction of famed composer and conductor [Eric Whitacre](#). If you'd like to see our students' performance at Lincoln Center, [here's the YouTube video](#). The performance begins about the 20 minute mark. We are so proud of these students!

Not Just for Research Anymore: I love that our Hamra Library has become a hub on the Springfield campus for so much more than research. Case in point: The Hamra Library is hosting a couple of de-stress events for the last week of classes: On [Monday May 8, 11am-12:30pm, there will be therapy dogs from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks in the library](#). Stressed-out students, faculty, and staff are welcome to stop by the library and pet these very good dogs. And later that day, the library is hosting a Game Night during our recently extended evening hours. [All are welcome to come by the library from 5-8pm on Monday May 8 to play board games, card games, and more](#). Popcorn and games will be supplied, but folks are welcome to bring their own games to join in the fun. Questions about these events can be directed to Sarah Mabee at mabees@otc.edu.

Thanks to all of you who have donated and/or volunteered to help with the [Dress for Success](#) event this week. Also this week: I'm headed to Lebanon on Tuesday for the [Lineworker Rodeo](#), and I've got an empty planter on my back porch that is eagerly awaiting my trip to Richwood Valley on Thursday and Friday for the [Spring Plant Sale](#) (Pro tip: Don't wait until Friday!). I'm also excited to pay a visit to the [SUPER Poster Session on Friday](#) in ICW 108 B&C on the Springfield campus, featuring presentations from our chemistry and bioclinical sciences students.

Happy May Day – and have a great week!

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