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Good morning!

Here are a few updates and events of interest:

Dress for Success: Our Dress for Success event lived up to its name by outfitting **207 students** and giving away **just over 700 items of clothing and accessories**. Our Career Services staff members, Tammy Casey and Cindy Bennett, want to thank everyone who donated their time and clothing. This is an event that can't be pulled off without a lot of support from the college community, and in true OTC fashion, you all delivered. Here is just a sampling of the student feedback received:

- "Thank you for helping. I don't have any nice clothes, and this helped a lot."
- "I am a manager at my current place of employment and struggle sometimes to find appropriate clothes for my position, so I greatly appreciate this!"
- "Thank you for these. It helps me, and now I will keep pushing forward!"
- "Thank you so much for giving me the chance to dress nice for my next interview."
- "Thank you for doing this. I got clothes through this last year and wear them to work every week!"

We're excited for Career Services to use its recently awarded <u>Game Changer Grant</u> to have a space where we can offer this service to students year-round.

Good Dogs in the House: Don't forget! Today from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. <u>there will be therapy dogs from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks in the Hamra Library</u>. Stressed-out students, faculty, and staff are welcome to stop by the library and pet these very good dogs.

Game Night: And later today, the library is hosting a Game Night. <u>All are welcome to come by the library from 5-8pm to play board games, card games, and more</u>. Popcorn and games will be supplied, but folks are welcome to bring their own games to join in the fun. Questions can be directed to Sarah Mabee at mabees@otc.edu.

SUPER Poster Sessions: Our chemistry and bioclinical sciences students held poster sessions on Friday, and wow, were they impressive! Students did original research on antibiotic resistance, safer methods of manufacturing sulfa drugs, and health benefits of elderberries. I was impressed at how excited these students were to share their findings. Our physical and biological clinical sciences are top-notch at fostering curiosity and a love for learning in our students. Many of the students commented on how grateful they were to their instructors for helping them formulate ideas and supporting them throughout their research projects.

This week is shaping up to be another busy one. I'm looking forward to a visit with Faculty Senate on Thursday to talk about the college's move to yearly registration (allowing students to register for fall, spring, and summer all at once) and any other items of interest. The week will wrap up with the last

Commencement Committee meeting before the big event next week. Maybe we should call this time of year "goosebump season" – I don't know about you, but I sure do get a lot of them.

Enjoy this last week of classes!

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