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Good morning!

I hope everyone had a great weekend. Between the fabulous weather and college basketball, it was hard to beat. Speaking of college basketball, who's that sitting in first place at the top of the OTC Foundation March Madness bracket??

Besides the solar eclipse, here are a few other things on the horizon:

**PTK Catalyst:** After a great trip to Orlando last week for PTK Catalyst, our PTK chapter has returned home with multiple awards. Dr. Higdon mentioned Dr. Rob Griffith, president of OTC Table Rock, was recognized with a Distinguished New President award, but our chapter brought back several others as well:

- Todd Yerby – Paragon Advisors Award
- Todd Yerby/Cassidy Bright – Distinguished Chapter Advisor Team
- Alpha Psi Tau chapter – Top 100 Chapter award
- Robert-Thomas Gumersell – Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar award
- Mallory Grant – Coca-Cola Silver Scholar award
- Frankie Fahringer – New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar

Todd Yerby and Cassidy Bright do an exceptional job leading our Alpha Psi Tau chapter. They are helping provide our Honors students with fantastic opportunities and experiences they may not have otherwise had. I look forward to traveling to Columbia this week for the PTK 2024 All-Missouri Academic Team Awards Ceremony where we will continue to celebrate the accomplishments of our PTK students.

**Dr. Megan Weaver:** Congratulations to Dr. Megan Weaver, assistant vice chancellor for Academic Support, who will leave OTC in June to become Vice President of Instruction at Moberly Area Community College (MACC). Although I will still see her at monthly MCCA Chief Academic Officer meetings, I will miss her daily presence at OTC. Even though June is a long way off (or at least that's what I'm telling myself), I want to thank Megan for all that she has contributed to the college. I have always appreciated her ability to listen to multiple perspectives, approach situations with curiosity, and offer creative solutions. Megan has been instrumental in many important initiatives at OTC, including our most recent HLC visits, assessment of student learning, and development and implementation of the new integrated planning process. I'm happy that Megan's positive influence will continue among Missouri's community colleges, and I'm excited to watch her thrive.

Have a great week!

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