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Good morning!

We have several busy weeks ahead, filled with exciting events. Here's a quick update on what's happening at Ozarks Tech this week:

Student AI Sessions

A quick reminder: The OTC AI Advisory Group is hosting **"Discover AI: An Interactive Learning Session"** on October 22 and 23 at 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. These sessions will be held both virtually and in person at the Hamra Library on the Springfield campus. They're designed to help students navigate AI responsibly. Please encourage students who are interested to attend. For more details, see the attached flyer or email online@otc.edu.

Politically Active

Don't forget: On October 23 at 6 p.m. in Lincoln 211 on the Springfield campus, Politically Active is hosting **"Dinner and Democracy"** – two things we love separately that are even better together**.** This is a great opportunity for students to engage with one another and learn more about our elections. Please share this with your students!

PTK Induction Ceremony

The annual Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony will take place on October 22, at 6 p.m. at the Gillioz Theatre. Sadly, I have to miss this always special event that recognizes not only the academic success of our students, but also the positive influence of their faculty and staff mentors. A big thank you to Honors Director Todd Yerby, his team, and our PTK Alpha Psi Tau chapter, for organizing this event, and special thanks to the volunteers who make it so memorable.

Early Childhood Education Center Fall Harvest Parade

One of the best events on the Springfield campus is happening this Friday, October 25, from 9:15–10:45 a.m. Our littlest eagles will be trick-or-treating in their Halloween costumes across campus. So much cuteness it's scary! If you'd like to participate, check out the attached map so you can position yourself and your candy bowl along the parade route.

Spirit Week

To wrap up the Ozarks Tech Employee Giving Campaign (LEAGUE), the OTC Foundation is hosting *Spirit Week*. Show your team pride next Monday, October 28, by wearing gear from your favorite sports team.

Disciplinary Withdrawal

As mentioned last week, the Board of Trustees has approved policy 2.25 Classroom Expectations and Disciplinary Withdrawal. The process is working as intended, allowing

us to address classroom disruptions promptly and, when necessary, remove disruptive students to maintain a positive learning environment. We'll continue to monitor the number of disciplinary withdrawal requests received and review them for any trends. I'll keep you updated periodically.
Have a great week ahead!

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