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Good morning!

Missouri Community College Association Convention
I'm looking forward to reconnecting with colleagues and friends this week at the MCCA annual convention. For the last 24 years, this event has been a highlight for me. I noticed several of our staff and faculty from Ozarks Tech are on the program as presenters, and I'm excited to learn from them and others throughout the week.

Veterans Day Ceremony
Today at 11 a.m., we will gather to honor our veterans in the Jared Family Atrium on the Springfield campus. I encourage everyone who can to join us as we pay tribute to those who have served.

Education Center Visits
Last week, I had the pleasure of visiting our Education Centers in Waynesville and Lebanon. I was reminded again of the fantastic service they are providing. Students in more rural areas of our service region are receiving exceptional support through these locations. During my conversation with Caitlin Beasley, director at Waynesville, she spoke highly of OTC's "culture of care" and how unique it is among colleges serving the area and Fort Leonard Wood. This includes the system we have in place for OTC Cares referrals. Then at the Lebanon Education Center, I visited with several familiar folks, but also got to meet a couple of long-time adjuncts and some newer colleagues I hadn't had the pleasure of meeting before. I'll wrap up campus and center visits next week at the Republic Education Center.

Mural Design Contest Winner
Last but not least, I'm thrilled to share that one of our talented Art and Design students, Lola Koppang, has been named the winner of a mural design contest sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Park Board. Her winning mural design will be installed and painted at the Brightspeed Ice Park, with the help of fellow Ozarks Tech students, starting today. We couldn't be prouder of Lola's creativity and the opportunity this project offers our students to showcase their skills and passion in the community. Please see the attached images of the design.

Looking forward to a productive week ahead, and I hope to see many of you at MCCA!

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