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Good morning!

Here are a few items that may be of interest as you start your week:

MDHEWD Transfer Task Force

As Dr. Higdon mentioned in *Notes*, the 60th Missouri Community College Association Convention is now in the books. It was great to see many Ozarks Tech employees presenting. At the Chief Academic Officers' meeting, we focused on persistent transfer challenges across the state. To address these issues, the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development has convened a task force with representatives from both 2-year and 4-year institutions. I am serving as a representative for 2-year institutions.

The task force aims to analyze transfer data, pinpoint pain points, and develop solutions, with a focus on three key areas:

1. Reviving a seamless statewide transfer pathway for teacher education.
2. Addressing problematic transfer issues in key fields of study.
3. Standardizing transfer guides.

As this work progresses, I'll provide updates.

Talk Birdy to Me

Our beloved mascot, Ozzy the Eagle, has a new look! He's traded in some of his harder edges for a bit of a softer look. Like any good glow up, the changes are subtle (see attached photo)– but Ozzy is looking mighty fine at the ripe old age of 6! For more information, check out this blog post with links to downloadable images.

Dress for Success

You'll remember that the Dress for Success professional clothing closet on the first floor of Information Commons East was established a couple of years back with a Game Changer grant. I'd like to share a recent "thank you" email that our Career Services staff received from a student:

I wanted to email the OTC Career Center to thank you for the Dress for Success room. I have gone in to visit several times over the Fall '24 semester and have always been

greeted by a warm smile and pleasant chatter. I genuinely believe the resources that you all have in place are a game changer for students. Personally, I have found an outfit I wore to my job interview I had for a work study position on campus (I got the job!), but your outreach is far beyond one student! I have taken friends down there that needed a nice, work appropriate outfit and walked away more than satisfied with what they found…It is truly life changing.

Thanks to all of you who have donated or supported this service. Career Services is seeking targeted donation items, specifically:

- Men's and women's shoes
- Plus-size clothing
- Purses
- Belts
- Jewelry
- Gently-used Ozarks Tech t-shirts and other logo wear

For more info or to donate, contact Career Services at careerservices@otc.edu

Have a great week!

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