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Good morning!

I hope everyone is well on this chilly December (!) morning and that you enjoyed the Thanksgiving break. As we dive into December, here are a few things to add to your calendar:

Faculty Listening Session
I'll be hosting a final listening session on **Thursday, December 5**, in the Board of Trustees room on the Springfield campus. I'd love to hear from you—please join me!

Art Exhibition
Obelisk Home in downtown Springfield is featuring an art exhibition by Ozarks Tech's own Meganne Rosen, Art Instructor. The exhibition, *Flowers for Winter (to get us through)*, opens with a reception on **Friday, December 6, from 6–10 p.m.** and runs through **February 1.** In Meganne's words, this collection of paintings "explores the resilience of nature and the emotional mutations that come with grief and stress." This sounds like it promises to be a moving exploration of the connection between emotions and nature.

Winter Concert
The Ozarks Tech Choirs and Jazz Band will present *In Winter* on **Tuesday, December 10, at 7 p.m.** at Spangler Concert Hall on the Drury University campus. If you haven't yet found your holiday spirit, this is the perfect place to discover it.

Writing this installment of *Provost's Notes* reminded me of something I love most about Ozarks Tech: our ability to foster and embrace creativity in all its forms. Artists—those who inspire, enrich, and spark curiosity—aren't confined to our Arts and Humanities faculty; they're everywhere. From the precision of a welder to the skilled touch of a healthcare professional to the imaginative brilliance of our visual and performing artists, they have so much to offer the world.

On the heels of Thanksgiving, I'm especially grateful for this community—our students, faculty, and staff—who remind us that education is more than skills and knowledge. It's about opening minds and finding new and meaningful ways to see, experience, and

contribute to the world.

Have a great week!

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