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Good morning!

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and is ready to tackle Week 2 of our semester. Here are a few things to be aware of this week:

Eagle Summit Registration
Eagle Summit registration opens today! Check your email for registration details. As a reminder, Eagle Summit will be held February 18 for all full-time faculty and staff. This includes our annual Program Showcase, 2025 Trailblazer Awards, an employee vendor fair, and over 140 professional development sessions located across the Springfield campus. Register early as space is limited and sessions will fill up fast!

Missouri S&T Conference
Looking for another great professional development opportunity? Missouri S&T's Innovation in Teaching and Learning Conference will be held on March 13, and it's free! The deadline to register is **February 28**. Some of our faculty who have attended in the past found it worthwhile. If you decide to go, Erin Dooley, Coordinator for the Professional Development Institute, can help connect you with others attending from Ozarks Tech. Contact Erin at dooleye@otc.edu.

Students Coming from MCB
Remediation continues on the Information Commons East building after the water main break last week that forced many of our Art and Music classes to be relocated to the Mt. Carmel Church (now called the Mt. Carmel Building, or **MCB**). If you teach on the Springfield campus, please be patient with students who might arrive late to your class when coming from the MCB. Depending on their destination on campus, the walk can take a bit longer than usual.

PTK Induction Ceremony at Ozark Correctional Center
Many of you are aware that about four years ago, Ozarks Tech began offering courses to those incarcerated at the Ozark Correctional Center in Fordland. Many of these students have excelled academically, and this Thursday, Ozarks Tech is holding a very special induction ceremony at OCC, welcoming these students to membership in Phi Theta Kappa. Many thanks to Todd Yerby, Director of Honors, and his staff for coordinating the event.

The students at OCC are overcoming many obstacles, and this ceremony will be a testament to their resilience and the transformative power of education. I want to take a moment to acknowledge the efforts of all the employees of Ozarks Tech who make access to learning possible for these students. I'll spare you the details of the mountain of challenges they've overcome to deliver courses at OCC but suffice it to say, there are too many to count. Technology issues have been exceedingly challenging, but our faculty teaching in this program have made it work. Also, I want to acknowledge Jarah Green, Coordinator of Prison Education, and Jordan Schreiber, College Director of Student Success; their efforts have been nothing short of Herculean and have at times involved multiple trips a day to and from Fordland and meeting up with prison personnel in random places to exchange course materials and homework. I'm so proud of how we have served these members of our community, and it's exciting to honor their academic achievements.

Have a great week!

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