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Good morning—welcome to the final eight weeks of the Spring 2025 semester! I hope you all had a refreshing spring break, despite Mother Nature's mixed bag of erratic weather.

As we dive into this next stretch, here are a few updates and opportunities to keep in mind:

Springfield Votes 2025

Our own ***Politically Active*** group is once again leading the battle against an uninformed electorate with the fifth annual **Springfield Votes** event on **Wednesday, March 26, from 5:30–7 p.m. in PMC 103**. This is a rare chance to meet all twelve candidates on the April 8 local ballot:

- **Mayoral Candidates:** Jeff Schrag, Mary Collette
- **City Council, Zone 1:** Monica Horton
- **City Council, Zone 4:** Matt Simpson, Bruce Adib-Yazdi
- **City Council, General A:** Heather Hardinger, Eric Pauly
- **City Council, General B:** Craig Hosmer
- **SPS School Board** (two open seats)**:** Kelly Byne, Sarah Hough, Gail Smart, Dave Myers

Enjoy refreshments and engaging conversations with the candidates. All are welcome—**especially students!** Please encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity to connect with local leaders. See attached flyer for details.

Commencement Soloist Auditions

We're looking for **two student soloists** to perform the National Anthem at this year's Commencement ceremonies. Please help spread the word! Interested students may submit an audition video via the Student Soloist Audition page by **Friday, March 28**.

2025 Red Alert Drill

To maintain a safe and prepared campus, our Safety and Security team will conduct a **Red Alert Drill** this fall on **Wednesday, September 24**. Here's the schedule:

9:00 a.m. – Springfield Campus

- 10:00 a.m. – Republic Center
- 10:01 a.m. – Richwood Valley Campus
- 10:02 a.m. – Table Rock Campus
- 11:00 a.m. – Lebanon Center
- 11:01 a.m. – Waynesville Center

More details will be shared as the date approaches, but please keep this information in mind when planning fall classes to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Free Mental Health First Aid Training

Ozarks Tech employees can receive **free Mental Health First Aid training** thanks to the Missouri Department of Mental Health. Seats are filling up quickly, so visit this site to register.

If the current dates don't work for you, but you're interested in a summer session, contact the Ozarks Tech Professional Development Institute for additional options. You may email them at pd@otc.edu.

Wishing you a splendid week!

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