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I wanted to share a few highlights and reminders as we head into the week

Health Sciences Open House

This past Friday we had an incredible turn-out, about 800 high school students from around the area visited to explore the over 30 health care pathways offered at Ozarks Tech. It was energizing to see them engaged in hands-on activities and envisioning their future in health sciences. If you want to relive some of the moments, there are some great photos up on Ozarks Tech social media pages.

Congratulations to Brandon Burk, FAARC

I'm pleased to share that one of our own, Brandon Burk, was recently honored with the Fellow of the American Association for Respiratory Care (FAARC) designation. This is a prestigious recognition given by the AARC to members who have made sustained contributions to respiratory care beyond their immediate roles. Brandon achieved this honor due to his dedication to the profession and the quality of respiratory care education he provides here at Ozarks Tech. Please join me in congratulating him.

Canvas Alignment Check-In

How is your canvas alignment process going? Just a reminder that the Center for Academic Innovation is ready to help if you run into bumps. Also, we have the "Canvas Standardization Course" resource designed to walk you through many of those changes. If you are not enrolled in this canvas course, please contact Philp Arnold. The expectation is that full-time faculty will have the needed changes made by Spring of 2026 and Adjunct faculty by Fall of 2026. You don't have to figure it out solo. Reach out and we'll assist.

College Development Day

College Development Day is coming up before you know it. This October 7th event is required for all full-time employees and the morning session will be at the Oasis. It's a chance to grow your skills, connect, and bring fresh ideas back to your classes. Please browse the afternoon offerings in Sched and sign up for the ones that interest you. [Ozarks Tech · College Development Day · Fall 2025: About](#)

Faculty Senate Engagement

Thank you for inviting me to attend Faculty Senate, it was a meaningful session. The open discussion format allowed us to surface ideas, address concerns, and think about actionable changes that impact faculty across campuses and centers. I walked away energized by the perspectives shared and some action items for myself that I will return to Faculty Senate with.

Call for AI Panel Participants

We're seeing some creative and impactful uses of AI in courses across the campuses and centers. I'd like to put together a panel of instructors for Eagle Summit who have tried AI tools in their classrooms. This could be those who have had wins and those who learned important lessons. If this is something you'd like to share and discuss, let me know. Your experience can help others and spark new ideas.

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