

This is my weekly update for the first week after Spring Break. To those that were away, welcome back.

COVID Update. Regional data continues to be very good with both Allegany and Garrett Counties classified as “low” transmission counties by the CDC. We expect campus members who left the campus for spring break to test this week. If you were away, it is your personal responsibility to get a test to ensure the safety of the campus. It only takes a few minutes in the Lane Center, so if you haven’t been tested, go today. The Response and Recovery team will meet tomorrow to review our current guidelines and if there are any changes to them, we will communicate them tomorrow morning via campus email.

Governor’s Support for FSU. I am pleased that Governor Hogan, with the support of our local state delegation, continues to support FSU with proposals for next year’s budget. I thank them for supporting FSU. In addition to the \$10 million recommended for improvements in campus facilities, the Governor recently proposed an additional \$5 million for the design of an indoor recreation center to be part of a Regional Recreational Complex on the FSU campus. Along with the Regional Science Center and the Innovation Park growth, the Regional Recreational Complex will benefit not only the campus but the community and will be a strong recruiting tool for FSU.

Giving Day. This Friday, April 1, is #BobcatGivingDay. FSU is celebrating 24 hours of giving starting at noon on April 1 and ending at noon on April 2. I encourage you to make a gift to the FSU Fund that means the most to you. The fund that receives the most DONORS (not DOLLARS) will earn an additional \$10,000 from the FSU Foundation Board of Directors (and gifts of \$60 or more receive a pair of limited-edition Bobcat socks, while supplies last). There will also be a table in the Lane University Center with treats, giveaways and surprises. To learn more (or make your gift early), visit www.frostburg.edu/givingday.

FSU Alumni Association Awards. On the evening of Saturday, April 2, the Alumni Association Board of Directors will be presenting the Distinguished Alumni Achievement, Young Alumni Achievement, Service to Alma Mater and Honorary Alumnus awards as part of their day on campus. I am pleased to have the Alumni Board on campus as we conclude our Giving Day campaign and celebrate the accomplishments of some of our FSU alumni(ae).

Bobcats Against Bias. With the support of UCDEI, the Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion is sponsoring a series of events from April 1 through April 8 as part of “#BobcatsAgainstBias: A Week of Celebrating Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.” There are events every day. I highlight April 4. This is Kickoff Day, honoring the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the 54th anniversary of his assassination. The MLK event will start with the *dedication ceremony of Brownsville Hall (residential hall)* at 6 p.m., followed by a unity march to Gira Center 397 for a Racial Healing program. You can go [here](#) for more information.

Admitted Students Week. We will be welcoming newly admitted students to visit campus next week both virtually and in person. I encourage all campus members to reach out to these students and their families and give them a Bobcat welcome. You can get more information about the week [here](#).

Glad to have everyone back. Just over 7 weeks until Spring Commencement!

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