

This is my weekly update to the FSU Community.

Alumni and Bobcat Giving Day. Our Alumni Board met last Saturday and held an awards banquet honoring Distinguished, Honorary and Young Alumni, as well as Service to Alma Mater. We also celebrated our first Bobcat Giving Day where 1,225 donors contributed over \$145,000. Congratulations to the Children's Literature Center for having the highest number of donors. They will receive an additional \$10,000 for their development fund as part of the challenge by the FSU Foundation Board of Directors.

Admitted Student Week. This is an active recruiting week with many virtual events for prospective students and their parents. Along with the Provost, I will be hosting a virtual event on Thursday evening for parents of prospective students. Saturday will be a big day on campus as we welcome committed and other interested students to the campus. At this point over 200 families have expressed an interest to be here. If you are on campus, please say hello to these families.

CARES Act Funding. The last of the CARES Act funding has been distributed. Over the span of this pandemic, FSU has awarded over \$10 million in direct aid to students. In our most recent distribution, we awarded approximately \$2.5 million.

Bobcats Against Bias Week Events. Bobcats Against Bias events continue with "A Day of Civility" event on Thursday and "Building a Legacy of Kindness" (a campus community cleanup event) on Saturday. We held the official ribbon cutting for Brownsville Hall on Monday evening and I was pleased to have several residents from Brownsville in attendance for the celebration and recognition.

Please continue to monitor your health, complete the daily check-in online, be safe and enjoy the spring weather.

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