

Oct. 15, 2018

Good morning,

Here is an update on some items and events:

Enrollment Management. Please join me in officially welcoming Ms. Arlene Cash to campus as our VP for Enrollment Management. Arlene has been successful in leading other campuses to increase the number and quality of incoming classes and in helping students succeed. She will be leading up our admissions and retention efforts and has already started working with staff who are out recruiting students for our fall 2019 class. Her office will be in Pullen Hall.

Residence Halls. We are beginning to get more shipments of new common-area furniture for the residence halls, and students should see some of that being delivered and set up over the next couple of weeks. I ask everyone to be patient in that not all of the new furniture has arrived yet. We also getting estimates on what we need to do to Cambridge Hall. Renovations continue for Annapolis Hall; currently, we are building new bathrooms.

Civic Engagement & Voter Registration. Did you know that millennials now make up the largest voting block but have among the lowest participation rate? We are encouraging all students to vote in this upcoming November election. **The registration deadline in Maryland is TOMORROW, October 16.** There will be a table in the Lane Center on tomorrow from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. for voter registration. You can also visit here to complete or check your registration: <https://frostburg.turbovote.org/>. If you are not registered, please register, then vote!

We also had a very successful town hall on local issues this past Tuesday in the Lane Center Atkinson Room. There will be another one on tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. in Atkinson, with the topic of Maryland candidates' platforms. These town halls are coordinated by Academic Affairs (Political Science), Student Affairs (SGA), our Office of Civic Engagement, the Beall Institute for Public Affairs.

Advising. Several of our staff and faculty attended the inaugural meeting for the "Excellence in Academic Advising" Institute. We were one of only 12 schools selected to participate in this 2-year program to improve academic advising. We are in very good company; Johns Hopkins was the only other Maryland school selected. I met Friday with the steering committee, and they are in the process of putting together the team of faculty, staff, and students to initiate our self-study process for Year 1. According to the faculty who attended the meeting, the work we did last year in looking at our advising process has put us in good shape as we start our work. This initiative is being funded as a strategic planning priority. You'll hear more on this work as we progress.

Ricky Arnold. Our Bobcat in Space, Ricky Arnold, returned safely to Earth safely on Oct. 4. He has returned to Houston and is acclimating to earth after 6 months in space. You may have heard that the launch of the next crew was aborted last week after launch. The astronauts are OK, but they had a rather unexpected return to earth. While Ricky experienced a little over 3

“Gs” in his return, the astronauts last week experienced a “ballistic landing” at more than 6 “Gs”.

Things to Do. There are plenty of [things to do on campus](#) this week and weekend. Among our many events, we have soccer on Wednesday, and a swim meet on Saturday. We also have *Detroit '67* on stage again this weekend. It's a great opportunity to see our students on stage and support our student-athletes.