

Jan. 13, 2021

Good afternoon,

In light of events around us, between last week's attack on the Capitol and subsequent fallout, and the ongoing pandemic, it is important to be able to provide this weekly message with updates and what we currently know. It is indeed a stressful time for all of us, but we will keep moving forward. Please recognize in your own life — and those you interact with — the impact of these events. Reach out to one another or to supervisors, advisors, [CAPS](#), healthcare providers and all those who you support and support you.

Here are some updates:

Spring Semester COVID Testing: While we are still working on logistics of acquiring tests and arranging for personnel, our plan for COVID testing in the spring is to have the entire population of those who live on or come to campus COVID-tested numerous times throughout the semester. We will share details once logistics are nailed down. And as before, we will be doing universal testing at the beginning of the semester, this time with rapid tests so results will be known the same day. There will be no cost to individuals for these tests. Anyone who wants to submit a negative test in advance may do so through the www.frostburg.edu/checkin portal any time before the start of school.

REMINDER About Online Schedules: Students who want an online schedule to opt out of coming to campus MUST choose classes designated as “online” in PAWS or use inter-institutional enrollment to choose classes from the USM online university, University of Maryland Global Campus. The deadline to do so is **Jan. 25**. Details about [inter-institutional enrollment are available at this link](#), and [UMGC's spring 2021 course offerings are available at this link](#). (Using inter-institutional enrollment protects a student's full-time status for financial aid, veterans, athletes, etc.) Please contact your academic advisor or department chair for assistance.

Social Compact: We have updated the Social Compact, which outlines expected behaviors for the campus population in light of the pandemic. This update reflects things we have learned during last semester, such as the importance of symptom monitoring using the daily check-in (www.frostburg.edu/checkin), as well as reflecting changes for the spring, such as required participation on the comprehensive COVID testing program for those who will be coming to campus. I encourage you to read and acknowledge the compact (found at [this link](#)) as soon as possible.

Enrollment: We are starting to see some hopeful enrollment trends. I am pleased to report that applications for next year are up. As of the beginning of January, we had more than 2,200 completed applications, a 61 percent increase over last year. Acceptances and deposits are running ahead of last year as well. And Intersession enrollment was up, with a headcount that was nearly 14 percent higher than in 2020.

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday: Monday, Jan. 18, is the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It is often encouraged to spend the day in service to our community, something that is more difficult but still possible in the age of COVID. But it can also be spent as a day of learning, as the Rev. Dr. King was a learned man. Earlier this week, Assistant VP for Student Affairs Wynder offered suggestions of virtual events and activity materials from the National Museum of African American History and Culture. That email is attached. Or you can visit the Museum's [website](#) for a wealth of other learning resources.

Stay safe and well,

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Get ready for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Good Afternoon

If you're looking for something to do next Monday, the Martin Luther King Jr national holiday, check out some of these free virtual events from the National Museum of African American History and Culture. I've joined in several of their virtual offerings since March 2020 and have enjoyed each.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day is one week away, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) invites you to celebrate with us.



The People's Holiday

Monday, January 18 | 4 p.m. Eastern

Free | Online

The People's Holiday is NMAAHC's annual program honoring Dr. King's commitment to racial equality, justice, and service.

This year, we are proud to present six-time Grammy Award-winning bassist, composer, and educator Christian McBride in a digital performance inspired by his social justice-focused album *The Movement Revisited: A Musical Portrait of Four Icons*.

Join us online for a 45-minute performance of jazz and poetry, which also features students from the Julliard School and award-winning poet Evie Shockley. The program will conclude with a conversation between Christian McBride and NMAAHC Associate Director of Curatorial Affairs Dwandalyn Reece.

The People's Holiday is generously supported by the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust.



Kids' Activities Celebrating Dr. King

Monday, January 18

Free | Online

Beginning on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, hop over to our [NMAAHC early childhood education webpage](#) to pick out a MLK-inspired art project for your child. While you're there, check out our guide to children's books and resources that support discussions about race at home.

Joyful Activity Booklets

Martin Luther King Jr. Day also marks the launch of a new series of publications for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers: Joyful Activity Booklets. Inspired by *A Is for All the Things You Are: A Joyful ABC Book*, written by NMAAHC's Anna Hindley and illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo, Joyful Activity Booklets help young children develop literacy skills and a positive sense of self.

On January 18th, check out our [NMAAHC early childhood education webpage](#) to find our first two booklets, *A Is for Amazing* and *B Is for Brave*. Each month, children, caregivers, and educators can explore new booklets together!

*We hope you will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with us! You can take your commitment to Dr. King's dream to the next level when you **join as a Member of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.***

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