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Good afternoon,

Here is another in my weekly updates on moving forward toward the fall 2020 semester.

Residence Life Update: As we have stated before, our residence halls will be single-rooms only for the coming academic year. Residential students will begin to receive their housing assignments Wednesday, July 15. Move-in will occur over a five-day period beginning Wednesday, Aug. 12, to limit the number of people moving in at any one time. Students will be given an appointment date and time to move in.

Online Orientation: Dr. Jeff Graham shared a link to the [Frostburg Online Orientation](#) experience using the "Welcome to Frostburg" platform for first-year students. I recommend that returning students, faculty and staff take a look at the link above, as well, as a reminder of those campus resources that are available to students. Anyone with FSU log-on credentials can access the platform.

Fall 2020 Questions: I again remind students who have specific concerns regarding the fall semester to email us at fall2020@frostburg.edu. You will be assigned a contact person who will ensure your questions are being addressed by the right department. And continue to check the www.frostburg.edu/fall2020 website. It is being updated regularly.

New Grants: I also wanted to share some recent grants that the University has received.

- Our Department of Nursing has received two grants from the Maryland Higher Education Commission.
 - The "Nurse Educator Cohen Scholars" proposal was awarded more than \$490,000 over five years, to be used to develop and implement a cohort model program to support current and future clinical and academic nurse educators through a structured mentoring model. FSU will award 25 NSP II Cohen Scholarships and implement the Cohen Scholars Mentorship Plan to provide the opportunity for nurses to learn about the culture and practice of both clinical and academic nurse educator roles.
 - The "Planning for the Future: Expanding Pre-licensure Capacity" proposal was awarded more than \$220,000 over two years. The funds will be used to develop a strategic plan and curriculum and course development for a proposed new, traditional nursing program that will allow students to earn a BSN degree within four years, which is designed to increase the capacity of initial BSN graduates within the state of Maryland.
- FSU has received a \$100,000 Maryland Energy Administration Resilient Maryland pilot program grant to engineer a campus-scale electrical microgrid to serve the university and local community. Done in partnership with Optimize Renewables (OR), an energy system planning and design firm, the microgrid will bolster campus energy resilience, further sustainability goals and provide students with real world job training under the

direction of OR and in partnership with the university. This project will help displaced workers transition to the clean energy industry. Read more about the Resilient Maryland program at [this link](#).

I appreciate all the work that is going on as we prepare for the fall semester. Please continue to stay safe.

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