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Good afternoon,

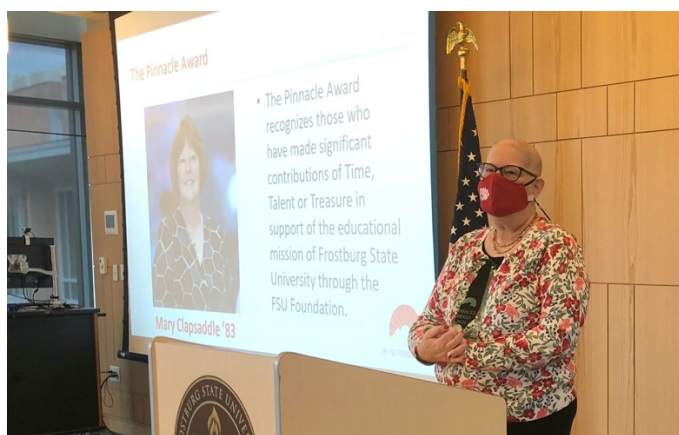
Here's a quick update on several items.

State of the University. Our [virtual State of the University](#) continues this week with a message from Dr. Artie Travis, vice president for Student Affairs. Watch his video at [this link](#). You can also review previous updates, along with a listing of new faculty, Staff Awards for Excellence and President's Distinguished Faculty and Staff Award winners [at this link](#).

Homecoming Weekend. Thanks to everyone who helped make Homecoming a success. As you know, we missed being in person last year. Although attendance was a bit lower this year than in other years, I heard many positive comments about the weekend activities. I had the opportunity to spend time with alums from the "golden year" classes of '70 and '71. They shared photos and again reminded me of when they were students having to use ropes to cross the campus because of the snow and wind! I also had a chance to talk with prospective students and their families during our Campus Visit Day on Saturday. Thanks to the Admissions staff and faculty who talked with and toured families around campus.

Board of Regents Retreat. The USM Board of Regents held their annual retreat last week. The topics discussed included enterprise risk management, COVID-19 and a draft of an updated strategic plan for USM. You can download a copy of the materials from that retreat at <https://www.usmd.edu/regents/agendas/>.

Pinnacle Award. The FSU Foundation Board presented the Pinnacle Award to our alumna, Ms. Mary Clapsaddle '83. The award, made for the first time in several years, recognizes individuals "who have made significant contributions of Time, Talent or Treasure in support of the educational mission of Frostburg State University through the FSU Foundation." Congrats, Mary!



Provost Search. The deadline for full consideration of applications for the Provost position recently closed, and you can expect to receive a campus update on the search process from the co-chairs in the coming days. We are respecting the confidentiality process promised to candidates as we move to the next step of identifying candidates the committee wishes to pursue further.

Parking. At the student virtual coffee hour, I heard several questions about parking. I am going to discuss parking with the University Advisory Council this Friday. Topics will include the number of spots available, maintenance of the lots, and cost of maintaining and adding parking spots.

I hope everyone continues to be safe as we move into the second half of the fall semester and enjoy the fall weather which seems to be with us now.

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