

Nov. 4, 2020

Good evening,

This is a tumultuous time on many fronts. A lot of information has been shared with the campus community over the past few days. I encourage you to check back through your email and read it, but for your convenience, I have also attached or linked them here as well.

Election: Please see my [message from this morning](#) and [Dr. Travis' message](#) from this afternoon. While we are still waiting on the outcome, I want to say I'm glad to see the Bobcat spirit of participation is strong with FSU having shuttled more than 70 students to Mountain Ridge yesterday and with reports of many more students voting at Mountain Ridge as well as at early voting in Cumberland last week. Thanks to SGA and SafeRide for providing the shuttles.

COVID Response: We are moving forward with our return to the in-person portion of blended classes tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 5. Likewise, the Cordts PE Center – including weight room, climbing wall, racquetball courts, pool and gymnasiums – and Bobcat Stadium Turf and Track will re-open tomorrow and resume the activities that it has offered throughout the semester.

An [update has been provided on food service](#) or you can visit

<https://dineoncampus.com/frostburg>.

For more information about our decision process, see [Additional Information About our Testing Data and Reporting](#).

Admissions Update: We have some continuing good news regarding applications for next fall. As of Monday, we have received 895 applications, compared with 412 last year at this point. We have accepted 463 students compared with 26 last year. And, even though it is early, we have 10 deposits compared with 2 last year. We are doing individual, socially distanced family tours and are booked through the end of November. In addition, the search committee for the Director of Admissions is having its initial screening of a short list of candidates.

Education & Health Sciences Center: We are beginning to see progress on the EHS Center. Supports are being installed. Also, the Board of Public Works approved another construction package for the building this morning. Construction continues on schedule and, as importantly, on budget.

Salary Reduction Plan Information: Please read a series of questions and answers on this plan at [this link](#).

Message from the Chancellor. Chancellor Perman shared his message “A Year That's Tested Us All: COVID and the Challenges of Leadership” with the USM community. Read his message at [this link](#).

Today, in particular, we encourage you to pause and remember the values of civility and respect in all of your conversations, interactions and deeds.

Stay safe and be well,

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