

## Special Edition: Coronavirus Communication 29

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Good Friday Evening:

I really can't believe how time moves so quickly when you are staying safe in your home during the pandemic. Does anyone feel like the days are melding into one with little slumber naps in-between?

Today is a special day for our Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Board members. They are being honored virtually with the Distinguished Chapter Officer Team Award during the national PTK Catalyst Convention. Co-Advisors Dr. Brian Ivory and Kim Giacchina are hosting a Zoom watch party for the event. After the award is presented nationally, the advisors will honor each board member in attendance with a special PTK Officer Medallion. What a wonderful idea to show support for these student leaders!

The CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Plan Development Team kickoff meeting took place this morning. The group had lots of great questions as we reviewed the planning documents. They will be working very hard next week to get a good plan together that supports student success and completion. I feel certain that the recommendation presented to me will be spot on.

We received word from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care that MCC's Respiratory Therapy Program remains in compliance with the accrediting agency. The program met or exceeded all thresholds for success on each of the required outcome measures. Congratulations to Program Coordinator, Kathy Gurin, and the other faculty and staff who continue to ensure our students are trained at the highest standard.

There was an unfortunate incident that occurred today. The MCC Student Bear Pause meeting was Zoom-bombed. If you remember from an earlier Communication, The Student Bear Pause meetings occur every Friday to update students during the pandemic. Last week the meeting was Zoom-bombed and more security measures were added. Today's Zoom-bombing was done by a "professional" and the inappropriate pictures shown were described as traumatizing. We have cancelled these meetings, and VP for Student Success Services Jason Wilson will now send weekly email updates and answer student questions by email. I am requesting all hosts for Zoom meetings to please place their attendees in the waiting room and only allow participants who have MCC email addresses into the meeting if appropriate.

Thank you to everyone who stopped what they were doing and signed Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Michelle Glenn's virtual card. I know she will appreciate it. The Kudoboard remains open today through Tuesday.

The direct link: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/Y81c3T9z>

Looking Forward,

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