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Good Evening:

Thank you to Daphne Epps and Dr. Madonna Carpenter-Jackson for facilitating today's All-Employee College Meeting. I am sure they are relaxing with colleagues in the Zoom Zoom Room at 5:02. They were very uplifting and kept reminding us how important we are to each other. Their energy was contagious!

This morning I met with the CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Plan Development Team to discuss the changes in the Department of Education criteria for disbursing student funding. I have charged the Team to continue on with their great work and give me a recommendation on schedule. They will review the changes and tweak the recommendation as required. I will work with the necessary entities to ensure that our implementation of the process is compliant with the agreement that must be signed to access funding.

The Green Initiatives Team did not admonish me yesterday for failing to recognize Earth Day. I apologize, but I did receive the attached free printable [Drippie Coloring Book](#) to share with you, your family, and friends from The Flint Water Festival. The Festival hosts an annual celebration that helps raise awareness of the Flint water crisis and the importance of clean water. Water and/or hard copies of the coloring books are available for gifting with a donation. For more information visit www.flintwaterfestival.com.

The virtual MCC State Legislative Summit has been postponed due to an emergency legislative session that was just called for tomorrow in Lansing. I will share the rescheduled date once it is solidified.

Someone asked me how I was doing as a part of the questions posed for today's All-Employee College Meeting. There are times when things are coming so fast that it is overwhelming and untenable. Almost three weeks ago I made the decision to start following the advice I have been sharing with you. The first thing I did was turn off my television. It was amazing how good I felt after not being propelled with coronavirus news and information. It was earth-shattering in changing my mood. The second thing I did was to start focusing on my meditation and really being reflective during my day. The third change was to cook out my stress. I love to cook. It allows me to release my inner emotion and make something delicious out of it.

I appreciate the question because it showed the person cared about me and that made me smile. Today my word choice was I am doing WONDERFUL! I am because I have each of you. We help each other survive unthinkable situations. Thank you to all who have been there for me. I am grateful.

The person also asked about how Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Michelle Glenn is doing. Today I texted with her and she allowed me to share this message:

“Hi Dr. Beverly, this is Michelle. I am sleepy today but feeling pretty good. Please know how much I appreciate everything you’ve done in addition to all of my colleagues’ love and concern.”

I know she was smiling when she wrote that message because of the emotional support you have provided. Your care and concern really make a difference!

Looking forward,

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