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Good Evening Everyone!

This has been a busy day going from meeting to meeting, signing documents, and preparing for tomorrow's State Legislative Summit. If you remember, we were going to have the discussion last Friday, but the legislators were called into an emergency session. Tomorrow we will be sharing the great things MCC has been doing during the pandemic, reviewing our partnership through the years in keeping the region stabilized, and discussing how we work together to ensure the College has enough resources to remain an educational leader and innovator.

I met with the Inclusive Spaces Task Group this morning to discuss the initial recommendations to ensure our campus facilities and spaces are welcoming from a diversity, equity, and inclusion lens. The Task Group has identified and advised me where we have gaps as an institution. They have provided a solid report with great recommendations for our first steps required to ensure our facilities and spaces are inclusive. Task Group members have reviewed best practices and analyzed data from a survey sent earlier in the year to the college community. They had a healthy 396 responses that were nicely distributed between student, faculty, and staff. I have asked for the group members to provide cost estimates for the changes they are recommending, and to share an implementation strategy for one of the recommendations.

I also met with the leaders of the CARES Act for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds Plan Development Team and discussed the recommendations that they have submitted. The plan is well thought out, organized, and comprehensive enough to support our students through their completion. They are targeting opening up the emergency grant application next week.

Congratulations go out to graduating MAET student Sumer Williams who won the Dr. Lynne Boyle-John Schimpf Scholarship Award from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, Michigan Chapter, worth \$3,500. You have seen Sumer's name in this Communication before as she helped create The Grayce Scholt Family Study Room. Sumer is a MCC Trustee Scholarship recipient and a tech intern with Media Services.

I found out today that Tuesday evening we delivered dinner to Hurley Medical Center which was funded by our Helping our Heroes campaign. Attached is a picture of a few nurses from Hurley accepting the food donation. Ascension Genesys Hospital staff will be treated this coming Monday.

Have an awesome evening!

Looking Forward,

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