



February 1, 2021

Dear Heidelberg Students:

It was wonderful to see tall snowmen with orange parking cone hats and then greet student-athletes running the Rebecca Street hill on campus in the dark this morning! We are halfway done with the four harsh winter months of COVID-19 ... the better, safer, and refreshing outdoors is within our sights. Welcome to February!

Wow, last week was incredible with our first *HYPE Career Ready Day* and first *Lichtman-Behm Genocide Lecture Series* events of spring semester. I thought that Ms. Briana Scurry's keynote life story about attitude, hard work, resilience and collaboration was tremendously uplifting, especially her "journey in the wilderness" after her career-ending injury! I thought that Dr. Noemie Lopian and Mr. Derek Nieman's *Speaking Across the Divide* global webinar about "Together We Remember" with courage, imagination and determination against the historically persistent threats of white supremacy and all forms of racism was equally gripping and inspiring! Heidelberg University is a community of learning on a mission.

We now celebrate and honor *Black History Month* in the United States.

I tip my facial covering to all Student Princes for maintaining strong community health. Our cumulative student positivity rate is now 1.4% based on about 1,550 student COVID-19 tests. Seneca County is still Red Alert and the current Ohio 7-day running positivity rate has declined to 8.1%.

As I mentioned last week, the Ohio National Guard will return to our campus for free COVID-19 testing this Thursday, February 4th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Seiberling Gym. All faculty and staff are required to test and our family members may join us. Our student not-athletes random surveillance testing will be done with the National Guard this week as well. This testing is optional for all other students.

Let us keep our campus healthy and successful together ... mask (double), distance, and testing!

Respectfully,

Rob Huntington
President