



April 5, 2021

Dear Heidelberg Students:

With the same inspirational respect and determination shown by our Student Princes football team when they carried Curtis Helman's #49 road jersey onto the field against Otterbein Friday night and won the game for their teammate, our campus community must go forward to finish this spring semester successfully. We have only five more weeks of classes and exams. Commencement is in six weeks!

We should be concerned and optimistic about COVID-19 right now. The Ohio COVID 7-day running positivity rate has jumped up to 4.2% with rising hospitalizations. Fortunately, 31.2% of the state population has started the vaccination process. Seneca County remains on Red Alert and reported six COVID deaths last week while 28.2% of this population has received at least one vaccine. Heidelberg's cumulative campus positivity rate is now only 0.85% and we have had only one positive test result in the last 12 days. Please click here to see our www.heidelberg.edu/dashboard.

In an effort to continue taking care of ourselves, the **Ohio National Guard** will return to campus on **Wednesday** to administer **vaccinations from 10am to 2pm**. We have been allotted 400 COVID J&J shots exclusively for students. Please get one!

We have many other very important events on campus this week.

One is our annual participation in the global *#TogetherWeRemember Reading of Names* for victims of all genocides today virtually at 3-5pm. It is not too late if you wish to register and read names for five minutes by using this link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jrP_hXU9rMmog-NaDLGxvzwe3ItUdk6f_6Ab6VQ6gso/edit?usp=sharing.

Another one is Admitted Student Week. Along with limited family members, we will host 20 admitted students today and 20 more admitted students on Friday. All of them want to learn more about Heidelberg's *Big Opportunities and Life Advantages*. About half of these 40 students have not decided to accept our acceptance ... yet. This week is extremely important for our fall enrollment. We are excited to welcome all of these prospective new students!

We should all be very grateful for the professional support that the Stoner Health & Counseling Center, the Graduate Counseling Program, the Chaplain's Office, and the external Critical Incident Stress Management team provided for our campus last week as we mourned (and still mourn) the tragic passing of Curtis Helman.

Respectfully,

Rob Huntington
President