



May 10, 2021

Dear Heidelberg Students:

One more day of final exams and papers. Six more days until Commencement 2021.

Congratulations to all students for working hard, fighting 14 months of COVID adversity, fulfilling your academic responsibilities, completing your cocurricular and extracurricular commitments, and caring about yourself, your friends, and your campus community! We are nearly at the finish line together.

Congratulations to all of the Student Award Winners that were posted last week. Many students won multiple awards! Here is the link <https://www.heidelberg.edu/about/news/2021/2021-student-award-winners>.

Congratulations and good luck to our Women's Softball Team for making the OAC Playoffs this week! Best of luck to the Men's Baseball Team as they complete their season this week or next week.

We wish great joy and success to our student-thespians as they will perform Dolly Parton's *9 to 5* (Live!) in Gundlach Theatre on Thursday through Sunday.

The U.S. COVID-19 vaccinations have reached 45.8% of the population with at least one dose and 34.4% are fully vaccinated. Ohio vaccinations have reached 41.4% with at least one dose and 35.5% have been fully vaccinated. It is great news that the Ohio COVID 7-day running positivity rate has declined to 3.7%. Seneca County remains on Red Alert while our 7-day positivity rate has declined to 3.3%. We have only one active case now and our campus cumulative positivity rate is steady at 1.0% based on over 7,150 tests. Please see our updated www.heidelberg.edu/dashboard.

I would like to personally wish all rising sophomores, juniors and seniors a fun, productive, and healthy summer. Like our second year son whom we brought home from his Pennsylvania college over the weekend, I am sure that you will appreciate finishing this semester, seeing your families and friends, starting internships or summer jobs, and pursuing other things as well. As a reminder, please check your Heidelberg Mailboxes before you leave campus. We all look forward to seeing you back here in August ... with the shared hope for as much Heidelberg "normal" as possible!

We are extremely excited to see all graduating seniors and graduate students in their Commencement 2021 Pods on Sunday. It will be my highest honor to grant each of you your well-earned degrees!

Respectfully,

Rob Huntington
President