



February 22, 2021

Dear Heidelberg Students:

For everyone's safety and well-being, the cross-functional leadership team that made the call last Monday night to close our campus on Tuesday due to the snowstorm made an excellent decision. Huge thanks to Parkhurst Dining for continuing to serve great food to our students during closure and to the Krammes Grounds Team for plowing and shoveling tons of snow after the storm ended! It was awesome to hear about all the students playing in the snow all over campus on Tuesday ... although a longshot as the weather warms, I vote for more snow and more fun!

Student leadership is incredible these days. Mr. JT Vaughan did an outstanding job in presenting and discussing the Student Senate Report with the Board of Trustees on Thursday after leading the student feedback forum on our 5-year strategic planning process the previous week. The 12 Student Admissions Ambassadors who supported the 23 high school students who competed for academic scholarships on Saturday's Scholars Day were fabulous. Ms. Ayanna Hayes and all of the Black Student Union are strong voices of leadership for change to achieve more justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion in our community and society. We must also acknowledge all of the student-athletes and especially the team leaders who are helping to ensure that we keep this campus safe from COVID as best as possible while practicing and competing in the Ohio Athletic Conference under strict NCAA protocols this winter and spring. Thank you.

We have run 3,257 COVID tests this semester, which is nearly 700 more tests than all of last term. Our cumulative campus positivity rate is now only 1.2% and all 38 positive cases have recovered. The current Ohio 7-day running positivity rate has declined to 5.0%. Please see our *Berg COVID-19 Spring 2021 Dashboard* here www.heidelberg.edu/dashboard.

I hope that a lot of students have registered to attend our *Lichtman-Behm Genocide Lecture Series 10th Anniversary Celebration* virtually beginning at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow night. We must never forget the Holocaust and other genocides. Heidelberg will never forget survivor Jimmy Lichtman and liberator Don Behm '51. To register, please visit www.heidelberg.edu/LBGLS10.

New furniture and other furnishings will be delivered to France Hall this week. It should take only 2-3 more weeks to finish everything. I suspect that Ellen the Ghost is getting a bit impatient somewhere in that glorious building.

Let us keep our campus healthy and successful for everyone ... masking, distancing, and testing!

Respectfully,

Rob Huntington
President