



May 3, 2021

Dear Heidelberg Students:

Spring semester classes end tomorrow. Final exams end a week from tomorrow. Commencement 2021 will be live outdoors in only 13 days. We are so close to finishing this academic year safely and successfully for everyone!

Everybody must keep their masks up and socially distance to ensure that all of the necessary final work and planned excitement happens over these final two weeks.

Congratulations to the graduating Honors Program students who presented their Honors Capstone Research projects last week! I was able to attend three virtual presentations and they were excellent.

Congratulations to the Berg Theatre Department for delivering their recorded performance of *Heathers: The Musical!* over the weekend! I enjoyed watching the show on Saturday night and seeing so many really strong individual performances on a terrific stage set.

Good luck and have fun to all student-athletes on the Baseball, Softball, and Track & Field teams who are still competing against OAC rivals. We are hosting the OAC Track Championships at Hoernemann Stadium on Thursday-Friday!

The Stoner Health and Counseling Center will provide free COVID-19 testing to all students and employees from 10am-2pm on Wednesday-Thursday. In support of each other, please get tested!

Enjoy Parkhurst Dining's 2021 Late Night Breakfast beginning at 10pm on Wednesday night in Hoernemann Refectory and elsewhere on campus. The all-star serving staff promises to hit the plates this year!

COVID-19 vaccinations have reached 44.3% of the U.S. population with at least one dose and 31.6% are fully vaccinated. Ohio vaccinations have reached 40.3% with at least one dose and 33.0% have been fully vaccinated. Meanwhile, the Ohio COVID 7-day running positivity rate has declined to 3.8% and our Seneca County remains on Red Alert with a 7-day positivity rate of 3.7%. We have 5 active cases now and our campus cumulative positivity rate has ticked up to 1.0%. Please see our updated www.heidelberg.edu/dashboard.

We owe it to ourselves and to each other ... all students, faculty, staff, campus partners, and guests ... to finish this painfully frustrating pandemic year as healthy and happy as possible ... masking, distancing, testing, and choosing to vaccinate!

Respectfully,

Rob Huntington
President