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Dear Fredonia community:

Happy Thursday to you! I hope this finds you doing well.

I am sorry that I was not able to connect with you last Thursday. As I believe you can imagine, my hands were filled with many very pressing matters preventing me from being able to connect with you. Notwithstanding, I am glad to be able to connect with you today and to share a few things with you.

COVID-19 Updates and NYS Mask Changes

You might have heard about Governor Hochul's decision to lift mask mandates for New York businesses. At this point, SUNY is continuing to require indoor masking. I anticipate that new guidance regarding this will be forthcoming very soon, and I will notify you as soon as it is received. In the meantime, please continue to follow the policy on indoor mask wearing and to monitor [SUNY Fredonia's Spring 2022 COVID-19 Guidelines](#) for details and updates.

Commencement Planning

Fredonia will hold its 195th commencement exercises on May 21, 2022! Please save this date. We are planning for in-person ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Steele Hall Field House. Our plans will take into consideration COVID-19 health and safety guidelines. Details regarding our planning for the commencement will be posted on the [2022 Commencement website](#). Please

visit this site for updated information. When I write to you next week, I will be able to tell you about our commencement speaker.

Late Night Fred

Congratulations to Rachel Echevarria who suggested the winning bus name, "Late Night Fred". The entry submitted by Rachel received 40% of the 560 votes submitted! We received many good suggestions, and also want to recognize the people who sent other top suggestions: "Big Blue Bus," from Melanie Gleason; "Big Blue Safety Shuttle," from Alana Massey and Jules Hoepting and; "Blue Devil Bus," from Makayla Alexander.

We appreciate everyone's participation and would like to invite those named above to stop by the President's Office, Fenton 138, next week to pick up their prizes.

Please check the [Late Night Fred web page](#) to learn more details about its hours of operation, route, and use.



Thank You

As you know, there is a lot that goes on visibly and behind-the-scenes to keep our campus operating. From time-to-time I get the opportunity to meet faculty, staff, and students who make tremendous contributions to the wholesome functioning of this institution. Sometimes I am able to recognize individuals, groups, and departments when I write to you or when I attend special events. Today, I want to recognize a few of these outstanding individuals and groups. I want to thank the University Police Department, led by Chief Brent Isaacson,

for keeping our campus safe. To our frontline staff and secretaries who manage a vast range of email and telephone communications and who ensure that messages are routed to the appropriate staff and offices, thank you for all you do. And, as the snow continues to come down, I want to extend special thanks to the custodial and facilities staff who work tirelessly to keep the roads, parking lots, sidewalks, building entrances, and floors as clear and safe as possible.

Everyone, thank you for your support and commitment to SUNY Fredonia. Have a wonderful weekend.

Very truly yours,
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