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Subject: Friday Message from the President

Colleagues and friends,

Happy Friday! We are nearing the halfway point in the semester and Spring Break will be welcomed from our faculty, staff, and students. It has been great to have students on campus and to see Covid infections drop dramatically. PPT is considering lifting restrictions in a phased approach throughout spring which is a great sign for all.

Faculty/Staff Virtual Lunch

Each month, employees are selected to participate in an hour-long virtual lunch, and I was able to host two this week. The open discussion is an opportunity to hear directly from colleagues and I enjoy the great questions you bring. These will continue, so I keep hearing directly from our employees what's on their minds and how I can help.

Alumni/Donor Meetings

Last week, the team and I were in Dallas and met with 30 alums. It was great to connect and hear stories of when they attended Lindenwood. In particular, I met with an alumna who attended Lindenwood in 1958. She was delightful and couldn't speak highly enough of her experience at Lindenwood. My next trip is to Florida in March.

Athletic Opportunity

For the past 4 months, Lindenwood athletics has been working on an endeavor that will elevate and give greater visibility to the University. We should know more on our progress in the coming days.

This Week

We are re-structuring some of our major contracts—one in particular will save Lindenwood roughly \$25M over 5 years! Yesterday, I had 6 committee meetings with the Board of Trustees, and I am thankful they support our university 100%. This morning, we're updating the full board on several projects, our financial position YTD and full year outlook, fundraising progress, and how we're tracking on our 5-year strategic plan.

I hope you've had a safe week. Rest and spend time with family and friends over the weekend. Take care.

Sincerely,

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