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Happy Friday! It's been a good week—highlights below.

Strategy Meeting

We had our monthly strategy meeting on Monday and received updates on our strategic initiatives as well as other projects in progress. We decided as a team that a few of the initiatives will go into day to day operations but we continue to refine these and execute strategically.

Teamwork

I want to emphasize the importance of teamwork. I often think of how we unintentionally draw lines between faculty, staff, and administration. Although these are certainly groups of folks working together, we are all one team. In my time at Lindenwood, I have valued the input and suggestions of team members and encourage collaboration and contribution. Let's continue to work as a team and dissolve lines that could interfere with forward progress of the university.

Giving Week

Our Giving Week was a huge success as we surpassed our goal and raised \$124,729! Thank you to the Advancement team and Giving Week Champions, as well as those who made a gift.

Town Hall – April 19 at 2 p.m.

Please save the date for a Town Hall on Tuesday, April 19 at 2 p.m. The agenda includes reviewing our YTD budget and expected finish, and updates on our strategic initiatives, fall enrollment progress, DI transition, and more. This will be informative and, if time permits, an opportunity for Q&A.

This Week

I attended the scholarship brunch on Saturday which brought together our student scholarship recipients with their donors. It was delightful to hear stories of what the scholarships mean for our students. On Tuesday, Dr. Schroeder, Brian

Brunner, and I had a positive meeting with a potential donor for the remodeling of the student recreation center. I'm currently in Chicago for a few days, where I'll be attending the HLC conference and connecting with alumni and donors at an event Saturday evening.

Lastly, tomorrow morning, LindenGiving will partner with the city for *Mission Clean Stream* and more than 40 Lindenwood volunteers have signed up to clean the banks of the Missouri River. Thank you to all volunteers.

Have a great weekend!

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