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Subject: Friday Message from the President

Hi team, happy Friday! This has been an incredibly busy week. Below are some highlights:

Various Events

Over the weekend, I attended the baseball game at the Lou Brock Sports Complex with one of our student broadcasters calling the game—great job! The Black and Gold event, held Tuesday, centered around student and organization recognition. Carynn Smith did a fantastic job organizing the event and it was fun to celebrate our students. On Wednesday, Beverly and I hosted a cookout at our home for the President's Ambassadors to thank them for their service and to hear about their plans for the summer.

Reverse Faculty Meeting

On Wednesday, I met with department chairs, associate provosts, and deans. Rather than folks asking me questions, I asked attendees questions to learn from them. Questions identified what they think the University's top priority should be, the role of the president, and their thoughts on how we improve retention. I also met with faculty council to discuss our financial trends and enrollment. Both meetings provided honest feedback and left me very energized from great engagement.

Lindenwood Student Government

I met with our LSG President Robby Hamilton and the incoming president, Yovani Lopez. In 2021-22, the LSG Executive Board has furthered the cause for Open Educational Resources (OERs) and presented about OERs to the faculty. They hosted the Business and Alumni Showcase which gave local and alumni businesses an opportunity to market themselves and passed several bills for our students, such as the bill for international students dealing with the new insurance policy. They initiated conversations about campus sustainability, installed five new organizations, and so much more.

Alumni Reunion Weekend

Today kicks off Alumni Reunion Weekend with dinner for the 50-Year class reunion. Tomorrow, Beverly and I are hosting brunch with alumni and will

conclude the weekend with the Awards Banquet at the Embassy Suites. Lindenwood alum and ESPN Radio Host, Randy Karraker, will emcee.

With commencement quickly approaching, this will be my last Friday email of the semester. I wish you a wonderful summer.

Thank you for all you do for Lindenwood.

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