

October 5, 2020

Dear Heidelberg Students:

Congratulations on making it through our second COVID-19 campus quarantine over the past two weeks ... welcome back to residential learning, engagement, and living on our beautiful campus!

In my brief discussions with a few students across campus on Saturday evening, and especially in my opportunity to swing through Hoernemann Refectory and see happy faces of students eating together again at brunch yesterday, clearly, everyone had a tough time during the quarantine and everyone is excited to have "freedom" again. Me too! It will be wonderful to appreciate and value classroom education in addition to online courses, cocurricular events like HYPE Career Ready Day on Wednesday, athletic conditioning and fitness training, theater rehearsals, band and chorus practices, Greek activities, and numerous other campus and Tiffin community engagement opportunities. All of these things and more make your Heidelberg educational experience Student Prince special.

At the same time, I strongly encourage all students to get a free flu shot in their home communities, at designated locations here in Tiffin, or on campus by calling the Stoner Health & Counseling Center for an appointment.

I also strongly encourage everyone to exercise their American right to vote. I believe that inperson voting starts in Ohio tomorrow. The United States Election is only 29 days away!

The Office of Student Affairs has made significant progress in the first wave of disciplinary proceedings based on the *Heidelberg University Student Handbook* in response to the events that led to our COVID-19 outbreak on campus.

Our collective success going forward will depend on everyone following <u>all</u> of our COVID-19 health and safety protocols and making good decisions for the well-being of the entire Heidelberg community. We have 7 weeks together through Friday, November 20th when Thanksgiving Break starts. That is 47 days of choosing to do the right things for everyone's success. If you do not want to do that, then please leave.

Let us all do it right this time!

Respectfully,

Rob Huntington President