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2020-10-23 Friday Features

Greetings, all.

We have come to the end of a gorgeous Fall week, and I write to you with equal shares of humility at your accomplishments and excitement at what the next few weeks have in store for us.

I've just read a summary document that members of ALC have prepared for the November 5 Academic Quality meeting. I never cease to be amazed by your collective accomplishments! We are summarizing how faculty and staff in Academic Affairs have contributed to keeping all systems go over the past six months so our Trustees continue to hear the good work you all are doing. Your efforts to keep Winthrop a safe space for our students to learn and for you and your colleagues to work are truly commendable. The full Board of Trustee and committee meetings will take place November 5-6, 2020. Please stay tuned for more information on times and locations.

My kids are excited that we finally put out pumpkins and decorated the house with mega-spiders and mega-webs too. We don't know yet exactly how we will navigate the sacred ritual of Halloween this year, only that it will be done in whatever safe way we can manage! Sounds like our daily refrain in the age of COVID! Don't despair; find a new and safe way to get there. The kids (young and old) will have their sugar, even if it is hermetically sealed and distributed (honor-system) in baggies placed six feet apart along our driveway or via some form of remote delivery system. Brian and I are considering this as a public health engineering design challenge at this point! If you missed it in this week's digests, check out [DHEC's Holiday Tips \(COVID-19\)](#) on how to have a safe Halloween.

We have a few eventful Tuesdays coming up, in addition to Halloween .

Tuesday, October 27, 3 p.m.: The Diversity Council continues its excellent work bringing us opportunities to advance crucial conversations related to inclusion. I join Adolphus and Zan in encouraging you to join the next Diversity Dialogue, which will focus on Free Speech vs. Hate Speech. **Mrs. Chisa Putman**, Senior Solicitor for the City of Rock Hill and Winthrop alumna, will moderate a panel featuring **Mr. Anthony Davis**, Interim Dean of Students; **Dr. Scott Huffmon**, Professor and Director of the Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research; **Dr. Guy Reel**, Professor and Department Chair of Mass Communication; and **Dr. Karen Stock**, Professor of Fine Arts. Here is the Zoom [link](#).

Tuesday, November 3, Election Day: Another reminder that we will have no classes on Tuesday, November 3. I voted early at the Rock Hill Operations Center with Brian and Kai, who voted in his first Presidential election. When I was a sophomore, I cast my first vote in a presidential election when President George H.W. Bush ran against Michael Dukakis! Seems like lightyears ago. We waited two hours to cast our votes last Saturday, but it was worth it to avoid what are sure to be epic lines on the 3rd. For more information on early voting, check out York County voting information here: <https://www.yorkcountygov.com/244/Voter-Registration-Elections>.

And as we remind students, sometimes the local elections are even more important than the national ones. Happy voting!



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. I encourage everyone to spend some time unplugged but connected, not with email/media/to-do lists, but with yourself, your family, your pod, and/or your pet. Whatever your support system, don't forget to check in with it and recharge your batteries when the opportunity presents itself. We need you at your best as we see this most unusual of semesters into a strong second half.

With my utmost esteem,

Adrienne

Upcoming early voting hours in Rock Hill:

Rock Hill Satellite/Extension Office
Rock Hill Operation Center
757 S Anderson Rd, Rock Hill

**** Hours of Operation May Be Extended and Subject to Change Due to Demand ****

Dates of Operation	Hours of Operation	
Tuesday, October 20	09:00 AM	07:00 PM
Wednesday, October 21	09:00 AM	04:00 PM
Thursday, October 22	09:00 AM	07:00 PM
Friday, October 23	09:00 AM	04:00 PM
Saturday, October 24	09:00 AM	01:00 PM
Monday, October 26	09:00 AM	04:00 PM
Tuesday, October 27	09:00 AM	07:00 PM
Wednesday, October 28	09:00 AM	04:00 PM
Thursday, October 29	09:00 AM	07:00 PM
Friday, October 30	09:00 AM	04:00 PM
Saturday, October 31	09:00 AM	01:00 PM