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Greetings and apologies for the delayed delivery of our First Monday email for June. There's so much good news to share, it took us a little longer to put it together this month.

First, I hope you will join me in thanking Chuck Wight for his service as our president over last four years. While it's natural to focus on the challenges our campus has faced since 2018, it's clear we have achieved much under his thoughtful leadership. I'm delighted that Chuck and Victoria will continue their good work at SU, teaching in Chemistry and Communication, respectively. We'll welcome President Lepre when she starts in mid-July.

### **Good news to share and appreciations**

- As I write this, SU Baseball is defending their national title in Cedar Rapids, IA. We need to win today and tomorrow to bring the trophy home again. Go Gulls!
- Many thanks to Sandy Pope (PACE and Secondary & Physical Education), Sarah Surak (Political Science and Environmental Studies), and the rest of the General Education Professional Development Faculty Learning Committee (Deneen Long-White (Public Health), Erin Stutelberg (Secondary & Physical Education), Melissa Bugdal (University Writing Center and English), Shane Hall (Environmental Studies), Shawn McEntee (Sociology), Tami Ransom (Environmental Studies), and Tim Stock (Philosophy)) for coordinating a well-received workshop on course development for the signature elements of our revised Gen Ed curriculum (environmental sustainability, civic and community engagement, and diversity and inclusion) and first year seminars. Thanks as well to the nearly 50 participants - great work and engagement at the end of the academic year!
- And speaking of curriculum development, congratulations to the School of Health Sciences on their new major, a [B.S. in Health Science](#), which is intended to give students interested in health care a foundation for direct entry into employment and for professional programs.
- Congrats as well to Chrys Egan (Fulton Dean's Office), James King (English), and Joe Venosa (History) on their successful proposal for an Africana Studies track in the Fulton School's Interdisciplinary Studies Program. This track is well timed with the arrival of Dr. Christian Boso in August. Dr. Boso is on the Nursing faculty at the University of Cape Coast (UCC) and will be a Fulbright Scholar in Residence at SU in the upcoming academic year. My thanks to Brian Stiegler (Center for International Education) and Tina Reid (Nursing) for supporting Dr. Boso's Fulbright and to James King for building academic connections in Ghana and with UCC.
- Hurrah for Angela Freeman (Biological Sciences) who recently won a \$477,233 award from the National Science Foundation to examine neuroendocrinology of flying squirrel social behavior. The grant is funded through NSF's Building Research Capacity of New Faculty in Biology program.
- And hurrah as well for Dean Ravizza (Secondary & Physical Education) for winning an award from the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation to support his incredible work in adaptive sports. His project focuses on wheelchair sports in multiple university and local school programs
- Please join me in congratulating Sandy Pope who was selected as this year's recipient of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities' (AASCU's) American Democracy Project (ADP) Barbara Burch Award. The Burch Award is presented annually to recognize exemplary faculty leadership in advancing civic learning of undergraduates.
- SU's Respiratory Therapy program was recognized by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy as among the best in credentialing success of students as registered RTs. The criteria for selection included RRT credentialing success of 90% or above. Congratulations to

Lisa Joyner (Program Director) and the entire RT team.

- Congratulations to the 2022 Disability Resource Center Access Award recipients! Lauren Hill (Honors), Brittany Foutz (Conflict Analysis & Dispute Resolution), Heather Holmes and Seth Endicott (Center for Student Achievement), Isabella Chow (President's Office), Ellen Schaefer-Salins (Social Work), Diana Cropper (Housing & Residence Life) and students Dorien Rogers, Juliana Swartout, Elizabeth Wash were recognized as members of the campus community who go above and beyond to support and advocate for students with disabilities.
- Thanks to Deneen Long-White, Ellen Schaefer-Salins, Kevin Glover (Medical Simulation Center), Kim van Vulpen (Social Work), and Margarita Treuth (Health Sciences) for representing SU at the *Empowering Students to be Agents for Change in Promoting Health Equity* convening, held May 9<sup>th</sup>



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Fall 24	New General Education Curriculum goes into effect
AY24-25	SU Centennial Celebrations begin
AY24-25	2020-2025 Strategic Plan ends
AY24-25	Middle States reaccreditation (site visit likely in the spring semester)