CHS family,

We have been through a lot together these past seven weeks. Although we’ve had hard days, we have persevered and so much positive collaboration, engagement and creativity has come of our work:

Transdisciplinary collaboration

- **COVID-19 Initiatives Team.** The transdisciplinary, translational structure we already had in place before the pandemic has allowed us to respond rapidly to the COVID-19 pandemic and work together toward solutions. Read about the team’s work on the CHS COVID-19 Initiatives webpages and in their most recent newsletter.
- **COVID-19 Resource Hub website:** A lot of hard work has gone into building a comprehensive collection of COVID-19 resources for the broader community in an incredibly short time. The new public website will go live next week, and we’ll share the link then.
- **CHS Student Research Symposium:** We wanted to celebrate in person, but instead we will view our students’ research accomplishments online today. View the gallery of 50+ posters from 75 students all day and engage with students from 3:30-5:30 pm.

New and deeper engagement

- **Increased attendance:** More people are joining our CHS Health Talks and other college events, finding the virtual format more convenient and the COVID-related topics highly relevant. Don’t miss the next talk on May 8: “COVID-19: What does the science say about re-opening?”
- **CHS Faculty and Staff Awards:** I was thrilled to see 244 people join the virtual event yesterday and celebrate each other’s accomplishments. See the list of CHS Award winners and this year’s ASU Service Award recipients.
- **Academic participation:** Students are working hard, and family and friends are joining online to view their thesis defenses. Read about the experience of one of them, Barrett kinesiology student Kathleen Casey.
- **Parenting in the pandemic:** Working parents with kids at home are supporting each other with shared resources and regular meetings. All working parents are invited to their next meeting on May 6 at 10 a.m. Bring the kids!

College creativity

Many faculty and staff have created clever and fun resources to both entertain and inform while we’ve been learning and working from home:

- **Quarantine carol:** Our speech and hearing science faculty sing their new version of a
familiar holiday tune in the “12 Days of COVID.”

- **Healthy cooking**: Make an easy vegan Bolognese dish with Chef Kent Moody.
- **Family fun workout**: Chris Wharton says you don’t need weights to exercise when you have kids.
- **Wedding story**: Corrie Whisner vividly illustrates how vitamin A can induce gene expression.
- **Deskercise**: You’ll feel better after 10 minutes of stress-reducing stretches with Julia Pearl.
- **Helping kids cope in the COVID-19 crisis**: Christine Borst has written a children’s book to help answer the question, “What is coronavirus?”

These are wonderful! Please keep creating and sharing your ingenuity. You can also take the opportunity to share teaching and learning success in a video post on our Silver Linings page. We want to hear from you!

**Updates, Opportunities, Resources**

- **RAKChallenge**: After being challenged by Cara Sidman to do a random act of kindness, I challenged all the ASU deans to participate in the #RAKChallenge that Cara and her students have started. Dean Duane Roen of the College of Integrated Sciences and Arts was the first to accept and do a Random Act of Kindness and post about it on CISA’s Facebook channel. I encourage all of you to participate and help kindness spread!
- **Meeting management strategies**: Watch for the Wellness Wednesday newsletter on May 6 for practical tips to combat Zoom fatigue.
- **National College Signing Day**: Today is a special day for high school seniors to proudly announce their college decisions. ASU is welcoming our Future Sun Devils with this uplifting video on social media today, and I encourage you to watch social media channels for #CollegeSigningDay and #FutureSunDevil hashtags and celebrate with our future students.
- **Virtual convocation**: Be watching for the link to our now-online CHS Convocation which will be available beginning at 9 a.m. on May 12. Help us celebrate our graduates in this special virtual ceremony.

Your collaboration, creativity and tenacity has inspired me these last few weeks, and I am confident that the lessons we have learned during this physically distant time will help us optimize our efforts when we return to campus. I am so looking forward to that day when we are together again, working to improve the health of those we serve. Thank you for all you do, each and every day.

Warm regards,

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