CHS family,

We have successfully completed our first month of fall classes. We have persevered and risen to meet every challenge during this pandemic, and I appreciate all you have done to get to this milestone.

As my family and I celebrate Rosh Hashanah this weekend, we will contemplate the beginning of a new year, one of the milestones in the Jewish calendar. Instead of attending a congregational service, we will participate from home via Zoom, giving us an extra reminder that this new year will be conspicuous for its challenges to our flexibility and adaptability.

Note some of these other events and happenings as you continue on your journeys this fall:

**Renewing our vision:** Please attend the annual CHS Vision Summit on Sept. 25 from 9 – 11 a.m. via Zoom. This important event facilitated by the Executive Visioning Team is a time for all faculty and staff to come together and share ideas of how we can work toward our college’s vision of creating leaders who reimagine health and create a better future for people and communities on a local and global scale. Each of your roles is critical in accomplishing this vision as the College of Health Solutions advances as a health leader. We will learn about organizational culture from Christine Whitney Sanchez, chief culture officer for the University Technology Office, and we will also learn from each other during breakout sessions.

**Recognizing our contribution:** ASU Knowledge Enterprise marked the first six months of the pandemic by publishing a six-month review of the university’s response to COVID-19, and efforts by CHS were highlighted on pages 26, 31 and 36. The review recognized our COVID-19 Diagnostics Commons which is providing and collecting data, convening educational events and enabling businesses to learn from their peers about the best ways to bring employees back to their workplaces safely. Our COVID-19 Resource Hub was also featured. This CHS-curated collection of resources is helping Arizona populations and communities as they work remotely, parent sensibly, learn productively and manage their health during the pandemic.

**Responding to needs:** ASU supports faculty and staff who would like to volunteer as poll workers on Election Day. You may use up to 8 hours of paid volunteer time to cover your time. Please refer to this information issued by ASU CFO Morgan Olsen and Provost Mark Searle on Sept. 11 about permitted political activities for ASU employees.

**Reaching across disciplines:** Many CHS faculty are participating in the Arizona Wellbeing

Refreshing our calendars: Please check the CHS intranet calendar regularly for enriching events, with several taking place today, including:

- 9/18 at 2:45 pm: BMI Seminar: Evolutionary Selection of Cancer Drivers with Li Liu
- 9/18 at 4:00 pm: Teacher Talk with Tannah Broman
- 9/18 at 4:30 pm: CHS Happy Hour on first and third Fridays of each month
- 9/22 at 2:00 pm: Faculty Forum with the Faculty Success Hub
- 9/23 at 11:30 am: SHS Colloquium with Timothy Balmer

Rebalancing our plates: This week’s story, Plate Full of Color by Georgia Perez, teaches children how Mother Earth provides new and healthy things to eat in each season. The book is part of the award-winning Eagle Book Series, published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Indian Health Service (IHS), and the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC). These stories were written and produced for a project I was involved with to test the efficacy of interventions to prevent diabetes in Native American/American Indian families.

Enjoy the last official weekend of summer – the official start of fall is next week! Have a happy new season and enjoy the journey to the next milestone!

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