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Dear Colleagues,

Since I joined our Citrus College family on July 1, I have been looking forward to the start of our academic year. It has been a pleasure meeting so many colleagues and students over the past two months, and I look forward to getting to know many more of you throughout the semester. Thank you for your effort, creativity and commitment, which has made it possible for us to not only survive, but thrive during these challenging times.

Before I share some important updates for the 2021-2022 academic year, I wanted to provide an update on our ongoing planning and response to the COVID-19 global health crisis.

At the August 17 board of trustees meeting, staff provided an update on the status of the pandemic and our response to date. The board of trustees then discussed a variety of topics related to the pandemic, including state and local public health guidelines and important considerations regarding vaccines and testing. At last night's meeting, the board of trustees approved a recommendation that students and employees must either be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or undergo regular testing and produce proof of negative test results in order to access campus facilities. A copy of the board agenda item can be found here:

<https://www.citruscollege.edu/admin/bot/Documents/Board%20Meeting%20Agendas/2021%20Agendas/09.07.2021.pdf>

This new requirement will be implemented on top of the many measures the college already has in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Other measures include daily self-assessments for COVID-19-related symptoms and location check-ins on the CitrusMobile app for students and employees who are on campus; mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing; and the wearing of masks when inside any college building.

At Citrus College, it is our duty and responsibility to provide our students, faculty and staff with a safe learning and working environment. By embracing these measures with a focus on safety and equity, we can do our part in the fight against COVID-19.

As I mentioned in my State of the College remarks at Convocation, I believe the best way we can continue moving forward as a college – especially during this pandemic – is to acknowledge our shared experience as a community. By embracing these safety measures and working together, we can succeed in our mission of providing students with the knowledge and tools they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond. Let's make the 2021-2022 academic year one of our most successful yet!

One way we can strengthen our sense of community is by working together to achieve common goals as we serve our students and our community. Thankfully, the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan outlined 19 college-wide measurable objectives that, if met, will increase student success and completion. I encourage you to review the plan – especially the 11 focus areas – and determine what role you can play to help us achieve our objectives.

To continue growing as a community, we must also be mindful of the important work being done by the Citrus College Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force. This group of dedicated faculty, staff and students is leading the way in understanding how we can influence the changes needed to identify and eliminate structural racism. As the task force continues to meet throughout the year, you can obtain updates on our DEI website at www.citruscollege.edu/dei.

Once again, I thank you all for your efforts, and I am looking forward to seeing you on campus or during a virtual event like my first Superintendent/President Open Forum, which will be held on Wednesday, September 15, at 2:45 p.m. I hope you have a terrific fall semester!

Sincerely,

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