

## Wink, Tara

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Welcome to Day 100 – who expected this?

Another incredibly busy week.

Lots of planning and questions, revising, and then more questions!

Stay tuned for an upcoming staff meeting to go over possible reopening plans. We just need a few more key questions answered.

Thanks to everyone who is working so hard to think of everything that needs to be thought of. As usual, everyone is doing a fantastic job.

And I can assure you that we will not reopen in any form until we can ensure the safety of our staff and our users.

What we know:

- Only two floors will be open with capacity limited to 142 people.

- There will be limited hours.

- There will be limited staff.

- Only basic services.

- Sanitizing stations have been ordered – no idea when they will arrive.

Please make sure you read Dr. Jarrell's email regarding the system-wide COVID-19 testing requirement for those coming back to UMB after 8/17. I am sure a process is being developed to make this work so stay tuned.

I am working to find a date for a virtual retirement party for Robin. Stay tuned.

I hope all of you received Aphrodite's invitation to participate in a web meeting regarding the impact of COVID-19 on work and family which will take place on Monday at 2:00. Aphrodite serves on the President's Council on Women and chairs the Family subcommittee. The input she receives will be very important to the support of families during COVID-19. Please contact her if you somehow missed the invitation or need more information.

Our Step Challenge Team is awesome! We are consistently in the top five teams! Little known fact – Lauren Wheeler is our ringer. We found out she has been in training for a triathlon. Who knew? Her event got cancelled but we hope she keeps racking up those numbers. However, everyone on the team is doing great. We are having fun. We encourage each other and are improving our health. And as Tara reminded us this week, "There is no I in team" – we are in this together!

Nice story of the week? Last Saturday I was watching a show on PBS when I saw an expert named Meena Bose interviewed. Now many of you know I was once a middle school librarian and about 40 years ago I taught a wonderful student named Meena Bose. I can't remember what I had for breakfast, but I remembered Meena. So I searched out Meena Bose' credentials and realized there was a good chance this Meena was my Meena! I reached out and yes indeed, she was my Meena. She is the Peter S. Kalikow Chair in Presidential Studies and Professor of Political Science and Executive Dean of public policy and public service programs in Hofstra University's Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs, and Director of the Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency. Wow! I would like to think I had something to do with her success but I think not! What a joy to find her and connect. We are now Facebook friends and she told me she was going to share my email with her children so they could see someone remembered her from middle school. A great way to start the week. 40 years later!

And for your weekend pleasure, a relevant instructional article should we ever get to the beach again:  
[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/how-build-sandcastle-180975406/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20200728-daily-responsive&spMailingID=43063724&spUserID=NzQwNDU1Njk5MDMS1&spJobID=1802217677&spReportId=MTgwMjlxNzY3NwS2](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/how-build-sandcastle-180975406/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20200728-daily-responsive&spMailingID=43063724&spUserID=NzQwNDU1Njk5MDMS1&spJobID=1802217677&spReportId=MTgwMjlxNzY3NwS2)

And flowers to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> day!



Stay safe and well!

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