

## Wink, Tara

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Happy Friday All –

March 13<sup>th</sup> 2020, a year ago, was our last day in the HSHSL building. I am not sure I have much to add to all the communication that has been flying around about the anniversary beyond what I said in yesterday's staff meeting. We should all be proud of our quick transition (not pivot) to an effective online environment. Great work! We proved we aren't confined or defined by our four walls. However, on September 14<sup>th</sup>, after a summer of intense planning, we reopened the building on a limited basis. Thanks to our front line staff who have provided service and support during this time. And now we await further instructions about our future. More questions than answers about safety, teleworking, and the future of our work and building. I heard today that there are estimates around 50% of UMB faculty, staff, and students have been vaccinated. I am amazed. There is more of a journey to go. All of us have been changed by this year.

I wonder how many of these I have written? Tara? Can't remember when I started sending them. It seems like just yesterday AND a long time ago.

Thanks to those who attended yesterday's staff meeting. It was very useful. I appreciate the ideas and thoughts that were shared. This meeting got us started. There will be more specific meetings once we learn a little more from UMB regarding university plans.

I am pleased to report that the Diversity Task Force and the Outreach Task Force will now be full-blown HSHSL standing committees. Watch for announcements regarding committee volunteerism from Alexa and Patty. Typically, we look for committee volunteers in May-ish however since these two committees are getting started later in the year, they will stay in place until June 2022.

And some other news:

NIH MedlinePlus – exercising for the aged (like me) and backache:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNLMOCPL/bulletins/2c6a54f>

From Dr. Jarrell's letter today – good advice if you need some support:

"Marking this anniversary brings up many feelings, of pain and suffering, of triumph and opportunity. I hope that you take time to reflect and use the resources available through the [COVID-19 Coping Kit](#) as well as the [Employee Assistance Program](#) or [Student Counseling Center](#) if helpful."

Here is the UMB campus video tour. It seems the HSHSL is now the Graduate School. BTW, no one talked to me about this. Overall, a pretty nice video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHN-IWxujLw>

And some humor:

The stack of books on his bedside table that he's been intending to read for years fell over and crushed him.



Guess I've had too much caffeine...I thought this lady was a Muppet.



The word queue is  
ironic.

It's just a 'q' with a  
bunch of silent  
letters waiting in a  
line.



Have a good weekend – stay safe and well!

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