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Springfield College CONNECT

News and Happenings from Alden Street

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of **Springfield College Connect**.

This newsletter serves as a communication tool for our students, their families, and our campus community to stay informed. This is an important information platform for Springfield College to periodically share and exchange plans so that, together, we emerge strongly from the COVID-19 crisis.

Updates from Student Affairs

In this dynamic environment, we believe it is vital that we regularly update you on our progress and do our best to prepare you for the new normal that we will experience together. We also will use this publication as an opportunity share some of what makes our community so special.

President Mary-Beth Cooper recently **sent a letter** to the College community sharing our intentions to be back on campus in the fall and what that will entail. Martha Potvin, provost and vice president for academic affairs, followed that **with a letter** to the faculty sharing additional information. We will continue to communicate with the College community throughout the summer.

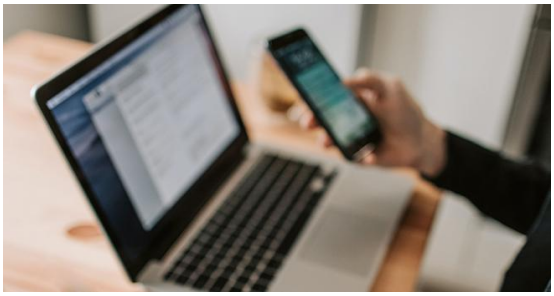
As the president indicated in her letter, coming back to campus will be a complex undertaking. It will require different behaviors for all of us—wearing masks, maintaining social distance, washing our hands, and using proper hygiene consistently. The campus itself will look different with classrooms, Cheney, the Wellness Center, the Union, offices, and many other spaces dramatically reconfigured. There are many, many people working hard and planning for your return.

For us to return to campus and successfully complete the semester will require the cooperation and commitment of every member of our community. We know that if there is a student community that will rise to this challenge it is this one! As we proceed through the summer, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions you may have at **studentaffairs@springfield.edu**.

Have a wonderful summer and I truly hope to see you back on campus this fall!

Sincerely,

Patrick Love
Vice President for Student Affairs



Wi-Fi Improvements: State-of-the-art IT upgrades on track

We understand how important it is for your educational and student-life experiences at Springfield College to have access to state-of-the-art internet/Wi-Fi. That's why this summer we will **replace our decade-old wired and wireless network with the new Juniper/Mist solution**, which we successfully prototyped in Massasoit Hall this spring. The work to upgrade additional technology will begin in the residential buildings, move to the academic buildings, and finish in the administrative buildings. A follow-on project will be scheduled in the future to upgrade the wiring between the buildings as needed. The upgrade will **provide support for synchronous online learning throughout the campus, stable video streaming, increased reliability, increased security, enhanced support capabilities**, and more than enough extra capacity for the 30 percent-plus increase in wireless devices predicted for the next three years.

Sam Molloy

Kenzie Higgins

PT students take care of the caregivers

In true Humanics fashion, two physical therapy students found creative ways to give back to the healthcare workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Recognizing the sacrifices healthcare workers make every day to care for their patients, **Sam Molloy** and **Kenzie Higgins** wanted to care for the caregivers. Sam started a fund via Instagram, and so far, he has raised more than $2,500 to benefit healthcare workers in the Milford, Mass., area. **Read more about** Sam's good deed. Kenzie created baskets—adorned with uplifting messages—and filled them with donated personal care items she collected to give to nurses at Massachusetts General Hospital. **Check out** how Kenzie is expanding her selfless endeavor in her hometown of Norwell, Mass. **Are you making a difference in your community?** Let us know by contacting Damon Markiewicz, associate director

of media relations, at **dmarkiewicz@springfield.edu.**

Springfield College Clubs and Organizations Awards 2020

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And the Clubs and Organizations Awards go to...

Our more than 40 clubs and organizations are a vital part of the campus community that allow you to engage in interesting activities and develop leadership skills outside of the classroom. To honor participants for their hard work and dedication in the 2019-20 academic year, recipients of the annual Clubs and Organizations Awards were recognized in a **virtual ceremony** on May 6. Student leaders announced the winners in eight categories: **Mission Award**, **Program of the Year Award**, **Bankers of the Year Award**, **Consider It Done Award**, **New Club of the Year Award**, **Unsung Hero Awards** (13 students), **Club/Organization of the Year Award**, and **Advisor of the Year Award**. Thinking about joining a club or organization? **Find out how** you can get active! To learn more about a club, email **activities@springfieldcollege.edu**.

If you have questions or comments, please contact the Office of Student Affairs staff at studentaffairs@springfield.edu.

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