Today is the Day We Honor Student Achievement!

That will be a shot in the arm for everyone in the Guttman Community. The event begins at 3:00. Here’s the link:  http://guttman.cuny.edu/2020studentawards

Here are the other topics raised at this morning’s meeting:

- The College Association meeting at 9:00 went very well. Charles, Scott, and Nestor were super impressed with the presentation the students made concerning the class gift for this year. They have fantastic ideas, they did amazing research, and they have a great plan.
- Scott reported that the Chancellor will give brief greetings at our Salute to Graduates on June 18.
- Howard attended a meeting of the Chief Academic Officers of community colleges yesterday. CUNY Provost Cruz addressed why there are regulatory and political roadblocks that need to be cleared before CUNY can announce the decision for Fall 2020. That being said, we should all “exercise a bias” toward being prepared for more online instruction. Basically overnight, CUNY went from 10% to 100% of its instruction being delivered online. Cruz believes that now is the time for all CUNY staff and faculty to deepen their understanding of distance learning modalities. (You get the drift here, right?!)  
- There is a CUNY Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, May 18th. There could possibly be news made there?
- OIRA is working on a CUNY-wide survey. All Colleges are doing their own, so they’ll need to factor that in! That reminds me-----please pay attention to the email Elisa sent early this morning and complete your Guttman survey. Thanks so much!
- Mary reported that Central has begun the process of returning to students some portion of their Student Activities Fee. 615 Guttman students will be receiving refunds, and I think the others will have the refund used as partial payment of their tuition balances. Our Bursar---hello, Jeanne!----and Financial Aid office are at work on this.
- Mary reported that the stairwells will be repainted. There was a short discussion about the Guttman GLOS that now appear in the stairwells. Bindi said that she sits on the committee that has been working on their revision, and there is agreement that the GLOS are out of date. If the paint job erases them, that will be fine!
- John reported that in a CUNY-wide IT Council meeting, it was reported that CUNY has a large stockpile of tablets and laptops. If you hear of students who need equipment, tell them to be in touch with the HelpDesk.
- The WebEx contract is closing in August. Not a loss.
- HR is setting up two more virtual meetings: Tuesday, May 26th, from 12-1:00 on benefits. This meeting is open to all.

Tuesday, June 2, from 12-1:00, an open-topic meeting. This meeting is only open to faculty and staff.
Anastasia reported that she and others have been getting the Atrium in shape for next Tuesday’s taping of segments of our June 18th event.

That’s it for now, folks. Do try to watch the Student Recognition Ceremony today, if you possibly can.

Have a good day,
Linda

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