

April 10 Update

Hello Healers,

A Friday round of applause (with 20-second washed hands!). I am so dang proud of you all--students and faculty/staff who continue to innovate and create amazing shared learning opportunities.



What's New:

1. West Campus. So that the medical center has additional space to use during this time, we will be temporarily closing access to West campus to students starting tomorrow, Saturday, April 11. Students, please use East campus library and student lounge as needed.

2. Personal Reflection:

On Wednesday evening, my spouse and I were taking a long walk down in the Haymarket (we live there). Until recently such walks consisted of a lot of “*hellos*,” “*hey theres*,” “*how are you?*” and sometimes a “*sorry, my bad*” as the often crowded side-walks only have room for so many shoes.

I remember at times over the past four years wishing it weren't so crowded, that I could have more space, fewer encounters and fewer people walking where I'm walking. I realized the quiet and solitude of Wednesday evening fulfilled that desire. There we were walking with no one around us, no one to bump into, no one to say “hi” or “sorry” to.

We turned a corner and saw another couple walking. We were at the opposite ends of the block and we all stopped, a bit unnerved, as we focused on maintaining social distance. I raised my hand, acknowledging that we saw them and then I pointed, a Nebraska symbolic one-finger wave indicating the direction we would go so that our paths wouldn't cross. The other couple raised their hands as well, returning our separating hello. We crossed, avoiding each other, safer in our own air.

And I remember wishing my wish away: how nice it would have been to engage another couple and say *hello* and perhaps strike up a conversation. Soon, I said to myself, soon.

And so I also say soon to you, soon. I can't wait to turn a corner in the college and see you and say “hello” and “how are you doing,” relishing the space between.

Reminders:

1. Next campus update will be on Tuesday, April 14.
2. The summer schedule has been updated in the registration guide.

Forward. Together.

Rich Lloyd, President