



November 9, 2020

Dear Heidelberg Students:

A hearty cheer to everyone who could vote and actually voted in our country's national election last week. That was a record turnout for democracy in the United States! If you missed it, no worries, only about 723 more days until the Midterm Election.

I was walking the campus late on Saturday afternoon and thinking back to the momentous return of Student Prince football to our campus 11 years ago. We played our first actual home game here in 64 years on Saturday, November 7, 2009. No stadium, no permanent bleachers, no usable track, no Saurwein. But we had several outdoor grills, rented bleachers, and some temporary bathrooms nearby. Plus a thousand students and guests on folding chairs, sofas, blankets and stools surrounding the Mayer Field turf and perched on the hill. A lot of Berg alumni attended who had only seen our games at the high school for decades. It was quite a sight! So we kept hosting our home games that way for another five years until Hoernemann Stadium was built in fall 2014. When I got to Riesen Field on Saturday, I was thrilled to see two of our student-athletes on the football team running 100s on the new turf and one of our student-athletes on the track team preparing mentally for competition in the orange bleacher seats. You are the reason why we build good facilities. Thank you for being there to say hello!

Then we fenced off the old shuttered Laird Hall science building and began that renovation to make the Adams Hall business building on Monday, November 9, 2009. We moved forward 11 years ago today.

Led by your Student Senate, we will honor Veterans Day at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11th in front of Beeghly Library. That is also Heidelberg Founders Day ... we will celebrate the start of our 171st year!

I want to remind everyone about our Ohio National Guard free COVID-19 PCR testing this week on Thursday. All residential students are strongly encouraged to get a test. Please think about taking care of yourself and others around you by joining your faculty and staff who will be tested. It is a smart and healthy thing to do.

As our campus advances into Phase 3 of the NCAA phasing plan for athletics, I wish all student-athletes as much competitive fun as possible playing their sport against each other during the next two weeks.

Only 12 more days until Thanksgiving Break. That is our forward view of success this semester.

Respectfully,

Rob Huntington  
President