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Summary

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Here are this week's Top 5 Things to Know:

1. If you haven't already, please sign up for the [W&M&You](#) climate app. As I have noted before, it truly is a great opportunity to provide your anonymous feedback on how you're feeling about your experience at William & Mary. The responses we receive help guide our decision-making throughout the semester. For example, community challenges reported in W&M&You this fall influenced the decision to not compress the spring semester. Your voice is important, and I want to make sure everyone is heard, so please sign up at your earliest convenience.

2. Following whirlwind days of election uncertainty, W&M's government department is holding a Post-Election Roundtable from 6:30-8 p.m. tonight to reflect on where we are with the results. In addition, the Studio for Teaching & Learning Innovation is hosting a Nov. 12 workshop to engage student voices and discuss how we can continue to support them through this experience. I strongly encourage you to attend if you're able. These resources are extremely helpful as we navigate the rest of the semester.
3. One of the sentiments we heard from students this fall semester is that they really appreciated opportunities to learn and interact with others in person. I ask you to take that into consideration as you plan for the modalities you offer in the spring semester. To the extent that you are able and comfortable, we are hoping to provide more chances for safe in-person interaction this spring. It is important for our students and for our institution.
4. The deans and I recently received a memorandum based on a referendum on behalf of students asking for reconsideration of the pass/fail options for this semester. We all recognize that there have been added challenges for students brought on by the pandemic, so the deans worked with their teams to ensure that this was taken into consideration and that changes to the pass/fail options for the fall semester were implemented, where appropriate and to the extent possible.
5. The shout-out for this week has been a long time coming. This year has brought on countless changes and most of these have been aided by our Information Technology (IT) department. They have not only helped us all transition to a much more virtual world, but also stepped up to the plate to assist with testing and case management. They are constantly building, tweaking and brainstorming ideas to make William & Mary a leader among Virginia institutions. Thank you for all that you do.

Please continue to check in with yourself and the members of our community this week. There are a plethora of resources available to you and your students as we move forward with teaching and scholarship for the rest of this semester and when we return in the spring. Please let me know if I can help guide you to any of them.