

SEPTEMBER 17 | 11:30 AM

Student, Faculty & Staff

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

with **Dr. Harper**

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Today's Meeting Agenda

“What's Happening Around Campus”

New SSS & Title V Engineering Grant

U.S. News and World Report Ranking

Fall 2020 Enrollment

Stand Together

New Campus Nurse

Coronavirus Update

Q & A

McMurry SSS Grant

- **SSS = Student Support Services**
- \$261, 888 per year for 5 years
- Focus on academic development and to motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education.
- Complements and enhances Mindset for Success (QEP)
- Began September 1, 2020
- Hiring 3.5 new staff members to support the program

McMurry Title V Engineering Grant

- **Engineering focused**
- New major to launch in Fall 22 – Engineering Physics
- \$600,000 per year for 5 years
- All to McMurry
- Additional support including academic advising, professional tutoring, summer bridge program for calculus
- Facility renovation
- Integration with local business community
- Began September 1, 2020

U.S. News and World Report Ranking

- **McMurry rankings improved in the West region:**
- #13 Regional Colleges - West
- #5 Best Value Schools
- #6 Best Colleges for Veterans
- #9 Top Performer on Social Mobility

Fall 2020 Enrollment

- **Slight enrollment decrease from Fall 2019 to Fall 2020**
- 7% decrease from 1,178 to 1,102
- 954 Total Full Time Students
 - 225 Freshmen class
- 148 Part Time Students
- 835 Part Time Hours
- 1,023 FTE

Stand Together

- **Fundraising campaign to financially support students**
- Campaign materialized amid the coronavirus pandemic
- Currently we've raised: \$420,750
 - 25 donors

New Campus Nurse

- Interim Campus Nurse Started Wednesday, September 16
- **Tabitha Callaway, MSN-FNP**
 - 2013 McMurry graduate
 - Master's from UT Arlington - Family Nurse Practitioner
 - 5 years of nursing experience, including two years of experience working in ICU
- Office Hours:
 - Monday – Friday
 - 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Coronavirus Update

- **Currently: 5 Recoveries and 4 Active cases**
- Approx. 40 students currently in quarantine
 - Update to quarantine guidelines based on DSHS
- Proper social distancing and mask wearing in the classroom is more important than ever
- Locally, cases are trending down
 - Rolling average for PCR is 4.3 cases
 - Rolling 7-day average (PCR + antigen) 19.43 cases

Pre-Submitted Questions

- Will there be cuts on faculty lines for the next academic year?
- Clarification on the Friday of Homecoming Weekend. There has been some confusion between the Academic Calendar and some of the messaging from other campus groups. What have Freshmen been told in Freshman Seminar? Are we having classes?

Pre-Submitted Questions

- I have been receiving questions from the faculty about McMurry's "plan" regarding a shutdown over COVID cases. Faculty are wondering what our "critical number" is in order to trigger a decision to go completely remote.
- Is there a chance that we will finish school in person this semester? Is it more likely that we will finish this semester online rather than in person?

Pre-Submitted Questions

- Is there a way for students to submit a complaint about masks not being worn in public hang out areas such as the nest?

❖ **Campus Conduct Hotline: 1-866-943-5787**

Completely anonymous. The reporter will be assigned a case number and can follow up on actions taken or next steps.

Pre-Submitted Questions

- Do students go through any kind of process or approval to leave campus when they are quarantined? I have had several students who never showed symptoms who went home for their quarantine but have no internet service at home. Are they advised of the need to stay connected online?

Pre-Submitted Questions

- Isolate: Individual tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Required to isolate for 10 days from positive test – whether they show symptoms or not, the positive test triggers isolation.
- Quarantine: Individual exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 through close contact.
 - Required to quarantine for 14 days from exposure to positive individual.
 - Exposure can be in the classroom, residence hall, off campus event, etc.

Pre-Submitted Questions

- **Close Contact Guidelines - Updated September 16**
 - Based off of new information from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The quarantine halo continues to be within six feet for longer than 15 minutes of the tested-positive individual. If students are sitting at a distance of at least six feet in the classroom from the tested-positive individual and wearing masks, the DSHS does not consider this close contact.
 - ❖ **This makes the 6 foot distance and mask policy more important than ever.**



McMurry Community Response



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