



Shared Perspectives  
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The semester is well underway now. I hope the faculty and students have settled down into their classroom routines; the other side of the house is already getting ready for registration for winter and spring terms in another few months or so. How time flies.

I hope every one will remember my suggested focus for this year...

***The Three R's--- Reach Out, Retain and Recruit Students.***

This is the time of year that it is critical for everyone to reach out to our students to help them stay in school. Students burdened with many other obligations begin rethinking their decision to go to college about now... hopefully with some encouragement from their classroom teachers and counselors they can get through whatever issue is being problematic for them and they can continue toward accomplishing their educational goals. We have the resources available to help them.

I urge faculty to make that phone call or send that email to students if you notice they are beginning to miss class... that outreach to them from someone who cares can make all of the difference in the world to keeping students focused -- the library, Life Skills Center, Counseling -- just to name a few.

Let's not forget too, that late start classes begin in a few weeks. Be sure to check the schedule of classes and encourage students who might need an additional class to check out the schedule. For the sake of ease, the schedule is printed for you on the back side of this memo.

We had a successful opening day of the athletic fields in early September, even if we didn't win that first game. The stadium looks great, the team and the cheerleaders are wonderfully enthusiastic and energetic. The first induction into the newly formed Athletic Hall of Fame was a rousing success! More than 300 people attended the celebratory dinner, held at Simon's at Ports 'O Call in San Pedro. It was a great evening, one of which the college is very proud.

We held a successful Town Hall meeting for classified staff earlier this month. From everything I've heard, folks found it to be a helpful, enjoyable activity. This is one we should try to hold each semester. It was a good way to keep folks informed and give staff an opportunity to meet and greet each other as well.

Chancellor Drummond will be on campus on Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding an open forum type meeting with him beginning at 1:00 in Seahawk Center, currently scheduled in the ASO Senate Conference Room. Each constituency's leadership has been notified of the time and date. If sufficient folks, beyond the leadership groups, are interested in attending we can move the meeting to the outer room of Seahawk Center. Please let Mary Copeland know so we can judge how many folks to expect so that we can plan a good venue for the discussion.

Again, I ask everyone to reach out and call a student you think might need some extra help. Let's keep the knowledge that Harbor College is a warm and friendly place for students to learn uppermost in their minds.

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