

MONTHLY PRESIDENTIAL UPDATE

June 22, 2018

Dear Arcadia Community,

While the sounds on campus seem to soften after Commencement, we nonetheless have been diligently working through the months of May and June. As the 22nd President of Arcadia University, I plan on sending a campus community an update on the 22nd of each month.

ARCADIA UKNIGHTED - STEERING COMMITTEES

All of the committees have met and will continue to convene throughout the summer. Committees are comprised of staff, faculty, students, and alumni, with administrators serving as both participants and resources. Arcadia UKnighted, the web portal for the campus conversations and committees, is at www.arcadia.edu/uknighted. Soon, individual web pages will contain updates on the committees' work.

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

The Inauguration is scheduled as a series of events starting **Wednesday**, **October 10** and ending with a formal installation ceremony on Saturday, October 13. The theme of the Inauguration is "Reimagining Our Higher Education Community: from Inclusion to Justice." The Inauguration will not only mark the beginning of a new chapter in the University's history, but also will elevate the institution's brand, provide an opportunity to invite thought leaders and others to campus to celebrate alongside Arcadia community members, and initiate a feeling of collegiality and collaboration among peers in higher education and potential partners.

Laura Baldwin and Mary McRae are co-chairing the Inauguration Committee, which is comprised of trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, and students. The timing of the Inauguration was planned to coincide with a number of events already scheduled to maximize community attendance and economize resources. University community members already have received a SAVE THE DATE email. Planning and organizing around this theme, we will align inclusion with student success for the world in which we live today, and the world in which we want to create. Please reach out to Laura or Mary to contribute ideas.

DINING SERVICES VENDOR UPDATE

We have moved to negotiations with Metz Culinary for our food service contract, which will begin in the fall. As we transition vendors, Arcadia's current dining employees

have the opportunity to continue employment with Metz. Employees will go through a basic screening process, which is customary when a change in employers occurs.

TCGS LEADERSHIP GUILD MEETING ON CAMPUS

The College of Global Studies hosted nearly 30 institutional partners from across the U.S. for a day-and-a-half of meetings on issues in global education. The theme of the meetings and discussions was Community: how we form communities of learners among our students, among our faculty, and among our institutions. In addition, Andrew George, Regional Director for the United Kingdom and Ireland, and Andrew Faas, Academic Director, London presented on the range of programs, services, and support offered through the London Center. Dr. Francesco Burzacca, Academic Director of the Umbra Institute in Perugia, Italy presented on models of engaged learning both in and out of the classroom.

TCGS HOSTING MID-ATLANTIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

On June 20, The College hosted The Forum on Education Abroad's 9th Standards of Good Practice Institute: Beyond the Basics of Health, Safety, Security, and Risk Management. Attendees included study abroad program directors, health and safety officers, and risk managers from institutions across the mid-Atlantic region. Arcadia is a founding member of The Forum on Education Abroad, a national organization dedicated to establishing standards of good practice for study abroad programs for North American undergraduate students.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT

Below is a list of offices and organizations with whom I have met recently as part of our External Engagement strategy to strengthen connections and explore partnerships:

- Education USA International Advisors
- Art Haywood, PA State Senator
- University of Edinburgh
- Officials from the Office of U.S. Senator Patrick J. Toomey
- Hosted TCGS Leadership Guild
- Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia Luncheon
- SEPCHE
- Campus Philly

I hope your summer is restful and productive, and I look forward to working alongside you as we welcome the Class of 2022 in August.