

A Message from the President

February 21, 2018

Dear Felician Community,

While yet another winter storm dropped a blanket of snow on our campuses last week, with temperatures pushing into the 70's today spring and Easter are surely just around the corner!

The sadness of last week's tragedy in Florida has had a profound impact on all Americans. Here at Felician, we continue to grieve over the tremendous loss of life. On March 14, the University will take part in a nationwide response to this horrific event. Look for further details, soon. As a nation, we face a considerable challenge in putting an end to these senseless acts of violence. If you're searching for what you can personally do as faculty and staff - just continue to be kind to one another and reach out to those in need. These are truly the best actions for all of us to take in bringing peace and love to the world.

With the semester well underway, you may have had the good fortune to come across and interact with a terrific group of high school students visiting our University from China. This semester, we are hosting nine junior and senior high schoolers through an academic partnership program called DEED (Dual Enrollment Education Diploma). These visiting students benefit from the opportunity to earn 30 college credits, while completing a high school diploma through the NJ Department of Education. They will then have the option of pursuing a Bachelor's Degree at Felician or transferring to another institution.

Earlier this month, it was indeed an honor to host the inaugural conference of the Latino/a Mental Health Association of New Jersey (LMHANJ) - brought to Felician by Peter Economou, Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology. LMHANJ is committed to addressing the mental health needs of Latinos by supporting mental health professionals through the advancement of training, treatment, research, and mentorship, and by advocating for the well-being of the Latino/a community. The conference focused on the interchange of ideas and information empowering Latino/a serving mental health providers and researchers. It included a roundtable discussion, symposium, poster session, several workshops, and a keynote presentation by Milton Fuentes, PsyD, President LMHANJ.

Our University once again played an important role in the 3rd Annual International Day of Women and Girls in Science, hosted earlier this month at the United Nations General Assembly. Felician has a long history of educating women. We began as a women's college in 1942, recognizing the importance of education to elevate and support women. Stephanie McGowan, Dean of our School of Education, spoke at the conference about the importance of women and girls in science and specifically the critical role that educators play in ensuring that more women pursue careers in STEM fields. Take a few moments to listen to Dr. McGowan's remarks, [here](#).

On the athletics front, our women's and men's basketball teams have been playing very competitive games both at home and away. I hope you were in attendance this past Saturday afternoon to cheer on our men's basketball team. It was an exciting game! Terrell Spaulding scored nine points in the second overtime period to lead our Golden Falcons to an 80-75 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference men's basketball victory over visiting Chestnut Hill College. Tonight, our men and women basketball teams will play Bloomfield at home and also our men's lacrosse team will meet Ohio Valley for a noontime game this coming Saturday. I continue to encourage our entire Felician family to attend as many games as possible and cheer ALL our teams to victory.

Last month, our 2016 Commencement Speaker, Phil Murphy, was sworn in as New Jersey's Governor. I, along with Stephanie McGowan, attended the inauguration ceremony. It was a moving event as Governor Murphy shared some personal stories, as well as heralded in a very diverse group of cabinet appointees and New Jersey's first African American woman - Lieutenant Governor, Sheila Oliver.

I am also very pleased to update you on some major physical improvements around our campuses. Plans for our new Athletic Recreation Complex (ARC) are moving forward with the goal of breaking ground on the new

facility in late spring of this year. The Castle Café is once again open and I might add has become a bustling spot for students and faculty alike to gather on our Rutherford campus. I am equally pleased to tell you that we have contracted with Dunkin' Donuts to open in the Goya Cafeteria in Lodi. As I'm sure you noticed, renovation of the Rutherford Dining Hall is complete and now features large screen televisions and lounge areas along with several new menu options. Lastly, renovation of the second floor of Martin Hall is also nearing completion. The School of Business now occupies the first floor and has launched the school's new Technology Lab, which is equipped with terminals that provide real-time news and stock information, 21 computer screens, and access to stock trading software that allows our business students to simulate real-life trading situations. The Technology Lab provides the School of Business with resources to further develop programs that prepare students to become business leaders using data driven information.

Tax season is here and Felician's veteran students are welcome to attend a free info session to learn more about preparing and filing their taxes. Joe Lizza, CPA, Assistant Professor of Business, will host the event to be held in the veterans lounge in Obal Hall on February 21 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

During the week of February 26th through March 2nd, student candidates are invited to Instant Decision Days on the Rutherford Campus to receive a same-day decision on applications for admission. Counselors will be available in the Education Commons from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On March 15, our Adult and Graduate Program Open House will be held in the Castle at 8:00 p.m., where prospective students will meet with faculty and admissions staff members and learn about financial aid.

Looking forward to March 4, please consider marching with Felician in Rutherford's St. Patrick's Day parade. As always, please check the University's website to stay current with upcoming events.

See you at the games and Go Felician!

Peace and All Good,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne M. Prisco', written in a cursive style.

Anne M. Prisco, Ph.D.