



“Our Finest Hour”  
March 24, 2020

Good morning to the good and brave COE,

Circa 2:00 pm today, Mayor McClure and Greene County Presiding Commissioner Dixon plan to announce more comprehensive restrictions in an effort to get us through the spring novel coronavirus season. Ergo, COE is continually making plans, adjusting policies, and "upping our game" so to speak.

Remember, the current situation is temporary, and the sooner we act, the sooner we will be back at the ballpark eating hotdogs with our friends and yelling at umpires. Until that time, COE will not be "just okay"; we will excel. We will be a model. We will prepare students for the post-COVID-19 workplace. And we will do this by working together to model best practice, combining real world experiences with cutting edge problem solving approaches based on research.

After the city / county announcement this afternoon, I will participate in a number of meetings. Tomorrow morning, the Administrative Council and then the Academic Leadership Council will meet to discuss future directions. After these meetings I will send you an afternoon edition of "Our Finest Hour."

Preview: Dean Matthews, Rachelle Darabi, and I are working on a summer school plan to make this year's summer session the best ever. The goal is to create a learning experience so impactful that students become eager to continue by enrolling in fall 2020 classes. We will present the plan to AC and ALC tomorrow.

Keep calm and prepare to teach online,

David