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Dear Faculty & Staff,

We had a very moving Anti-Racism vigil last Saturday. Thanks to all of you for attending and to Dr. McClinton for hosting. The issue of systematic racism is real in today's day and age, and if you don't believe it, see the new deeply disturbing [Executive Order on Combatting Race and Sex Stereotyping](#) that the White House issued last week. The order seeks to impose limits on workplace diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism training. In addition, it seeks to limit the use of federal grant funds for discourse around topics the order calls "divisive." The very nature of the order attempts to undermine diversity, equity and inclusion work, free speech, and most importantly, our efforts to acknowledge and dismantle structures of racism, sexism, and injustice. President Schlissel and Provost Collins have already shared communication with you challenging the order. The speakers at our vigil reminded all of us that we must fight every day to make the College an inviting and welcoming space for all of our community, regardless of race, identity, gender, socioeconomic status, religion, and background. We are absolutely committed to all aspects of racism and injustice.

COLLEGE INFORMATION

- ❖ **"In the Interim" Program:** This week's networking event will be with Dr. Timothy Cernak, Assistant Professor of Medicinal Chemistry. We will learn more about Dr. Cernak's networking tips and what the Cernak lab has been working on to meet the world's COVID-19 crisis needs, and much more on **Thursday, October 1 from 5:30-6:00PM**. Don't forget to register!
- ❖ **Wolverine Access has transitioned to a new look**, which is designed to give users a personalized experience that offers extensive benefits including:
 - One-click access to the U-M tools and resources that they use the most

- Robust search capabilities within the U-M digital universe
- A customizable individual experience, behind a secure login
- A mobile-friendly, responsive design that is easy to use on all devices

The previous version of Wolverine access will be available for a limited time by using the header at the top of the new [Wolverine Access gateway](#). Information about the new version is at Introduction to [Wolverine Access video](#) and [Wolverine Access documentation](#).

- ❖ **Zoom is NOT requiring a meeting passcode or waiting room as previously announced.** However, meeting organizers are strongly encouraged to secure meetings with at least one of the following security settings: [Only authenticated Users](#), [Waiting Room](#), or [Passcode](#). To learn more, refer to [What does Zoom's cancellation of the September 27 Passcode or Waiting Room requirement mean?](#)

FACULTY

- ❖ **Could You Use Some Help in Your Lab or on Your Clinical Project?**

Call for BSPS Research Projects:

The BSPS program is growing, and so is the need for opportunities for BSPS students to get research experience. Faculty get many demands to oversee student research projects (BSPS, PharmD, MSIPS, Residents, etc.), but different projects may require a different level of learner. The BSPS project has a budget associated with it and those funds go to the faculty member.

All College of Pharmacy faculty mentors of BSPS students participating in either the BSPS Research Program, or an Honors Research Thesis project, will receive a payment of \$250.00 per student being mentored per fall and winter term for a total of \$500.00. The transfer of funds is conditional upon student enrollment in two credits of undergraduate research for academic credit offered by the College prior to the 3rd week of each semester. Please contact Matt Holliday at mhollid@med.umich.edu if you have remote or in-person opportunities.

YOUR WELL-BEING

- ❖ **Be Well Your Way Virtual Well-being Extravaganza:** MHealthy will host an all-virtual version of its annual “Be Well in the Big House” event on **Thursday, October 1, 2020**. All you need is 15 – 30 minutes – choose from more than 20 fun and interactive sessions focused on taking care of yourself and being kind to your body, mind and mood. [View the full list of sessions and register.](#)

Sincerely,
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