Dear Grad Students,

I was looking at somebody’s LinkedIn account and came across this crazy article about whether companies should install a dress code for work from home (WFH) employees.

https://couponfollow.com/research/work-wardrobe-covid-compared

The article is obviously clickbait but these two figures surprised me and also made me wonder about whether there was an application to being a student at the College! Which factoid from the first figure surprises you the most? That only 46% get out of their pajamas before starting work from home or that 7% don’t put on pants or underwear at all? I confess that there has been at least one meeting as dean where I was wearing sweat pants!
It is in the second figure that I think there may be an application to students, faculty, and staff at the College. People feel more productive when they “dress up” for work according to the graphic. Maybe on those days when we don’t feel that motivated, we should ditch the gym shorts and sweatshirt and put on work clothes to build our productivity? Dean Mueller is not instituting a dress code, but perhaps dressing for success might be a good way to begin our day. (Having written all of the above, Dean Mueller is still wearing his comfy slippers as he types this!)
GENERAL COLLEGE INFORMATION

TOMORROW (10/14) - Networking with the Deans: Please join Deans Mueller, Ellingrod, Sweet and Bostwick tomorrow (10/14) at 12:00pm for an informal conversation regarding your experiences, feedback, questions, or comments.

Zoom Link: https://umich-health.zoom.us/j/98019061224?pwd=RjV4eXVsYzZ1N2dUQ1NCcXZ4S29hUT09

“In the Interim” Program: This week’s networking event will be with Dr. Anna Schwendeman, Associate Professor at the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and a member of Biointerfaces Institute at the University of Michigan. Learn why taking a “terrible” job may be a great idea, Dr. Schwendeman’s new $5M FDA grant to increase access to generic drugs, PDI projects, and much more! REGISTER

Click HERE to view future events.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

I hope everyone was able to see the Graduate Education newsletter from Dean Ellingrod. Importantly I wanted to make sure you saw the announcement that senior graduate students have been invited to do a twitter “takeover” on the College’s Twitter. If you are not a senior graduate student but are interested in participating, please let Dean Ellingrod know.

Also we are currently planning what our research day will look like this year and we want to hear from you. Please look for a short survey this week to share your opinion. The College’s Research Forum is planned to be held on February 12th with the morning
reserved for an alumni panel of speakers, platform presentations and graduate student and postdoctoral fellows posters. The afternoon then is reserved for PharmD posters.

YOUR WELL-BEING

**CAPS is hosting a virtual 60-min expressive healing workshop for students.** In this workshop students will learn to use expressive art as a means of processing and understanding complex feelings around the upcoming election, navigating multiple pandemics, and building a sense of community and connection with one another.

Facilitators will provide specific prompts to help jumpstart the creative process and help guide the discussion. Please know you do not need to be an artist to participate. It’s about the process, not the product.

Materials needed: Paper and pen/pencil. Participants may also use crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc.

Please feel free to join one or both sessions:

**Dates:**  **Monday, October 26 @ 12-1p**  [Click here to RSVP for 10/26](#)

  **Monday, November 16 @ 12-1p**  [Click here to RSVP for 11/16](#)

Location: Zoom (link will be provided)

Email [ashjacob@umich.edu](mailto:ashjacob@umich.edu) for questions.

Sincerely,
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