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UPDATE FROM DEAN DENBY-BRINSON

for faculty, staff and students



Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022

Good afternoon!

At this busy time of the year, we should all heed the good word of our Wellness Committee members, who ask us to consider using the prompts below to reflect on something we are grateful for today.

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| 1. Sound | 16. Aspect of your body |
| 2. Smell | 17. Lesson |
| 3. Color | 18. Piece of art |
| 4. Food/Recipe | 19. Passion |
| 5. Family member | 20. Time of day |
| 6. Experience | 21. Song |
| 7. Routine | 22. Talent/Skill |
| 8. Book | 23. Wisdom |
| 9. Place | 24. Challenge |
| 10. Taste | 25. Nature |
| 11. Tradition | 26. Form of expression |
| 12. Texture | 27. Quote |
| 13. Opportunity | 28. Change |
| 14. Memory | 29. Friendship |
| 15. Season | 30. Story |



Strategic Plan(t)ing

As we move through the Organizational Assessment phase of our [Strategic Plan\(t\)ing](#) process, I am strongly encouraging you to share your feedback about the School using a *Climate and Culture Survey* which you'll receive via email later this month.

The purpose of this planning process is to collectively chart the course for our School's future. The *Climate and Culture Survey* is an important part of ensuring that we hear from everyone who wants to shape our School community.

Every voice matters!

Vice Dean interviews

Our search committee for an internal candidate who will serve as my "right hand" has invited all of you to participate in the interview process for candidate Mimi Chapman, associate dean for doctoral education and distinguished professor at the School. I invite faculty and staff members to make the time to attend at least one of these interview opportunities.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Colloquium for Faculty and Staff

11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Room 500 and [Zoom](#), Pass Code: 157394

Meeting with Senior Administrative Council (SAC)

1:15–2 p.m.

[Zoom](#)

Meeting with Staff

2:15–3 p.m.

[Zoom](#), Pass Code: 728438

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Meeting with Faculty

12–12:45 p.m.

[Zoom](#), Pass Code: 024576

Our gratitude

In the spirit of the upcoming holiday season, we want to provide warmth and comfort to you this year in the form of a UNC School of Social Work jacket. This cuddly zip-up jacket is black, with a logo reflecting the School's Centennial celebration and goals. It is a token of our appreciation for the work that you do to elevate our School.

We ask all full-time faculty and staff members to [fill out this order form](#), where you can also get directions for pick-up. *We are grateful for you all year long!*

We also want to celebrate YOU at a holiday lunch in the lobby of Tate-Turner-Kuralt building at noon on Thursday, Dec. 1. Please let us know if you will join us via the order form above.

Spotlight of the week

We highlight one of our community members in a weekly feature on the home page of our website. This week, we're celebrating Ph.D. student [Dicky Baruah](#), who has more than a decade of work experience with various non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations in India.

Also: don't miss the University's post on our Ph.D. student [Captain Kenneth Harris III](#), featured in a series on Carolina veterans.

Warmly,

Dean Ramona Denby-Brinson

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