



Dear Colleagues,

In recognition of National Make a Difference Day (Saturday, Oct. 24), **thank you** for the continuous difference you make on our campus and in the community – from transforming the lives of our students through education and mentorship to community engagement efforts that enhance the region. I'm proud to be a part of our bighearted campus community.

For those of you who would like to observe National Make a Difference Day, below are some simple ways to lift and support others during the pandemic.

- Make a meal or dessert for a struggling family member, friend or neighbor.
- Donate to the [Obershaw DEN Food Pantry](#), [the PDC DEN](#) or a local nonprofit agency.
- Participate in a [virtual volunteer opportunity](#).
- Give blood at a [donor center](#).
- Write a thank you note to healthcare workers at a nearby hospital or give verbal thanks the next time you encounter an essential service provider (e.g. grocery store clerks, postal worker).
- Call someone who is isolated.
- Give a compliment.

“Never get tired of doing little things for others. Sometimes, those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts.” — Unknown

I would also like to extend my thanks and appreciation to your family members and significant others for their support and understanding during these challenging times.

Best wishes,

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