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February 6, 2020 - Message from Interim Provost Leaman

Dear campus community,

You are invited to a Kick-Off Celebration and preview of a new health college that is planned to launch in 2021.

Wednesday, February 12

4 – 6 p.m.

Remarks at 4:30 p.m.

Wright State Student Union Endeavour Room

Light refreshments

What an exciting time this is in the history of Wright State University. Building on years of hard work by many, we are pleased to formally announce a new health-focused college at Wright State University.

The creation of this college will better serve our students and this region. By bringing together our education and health-related programs, outstanding faculty, staff, students, and partners, we will offer more educational paths leading to in-demand careers, increase access to experiential learning and research opportunities, and deliver enhanced preparation for jobs critical to our region. Through this academic reorganization and commitment to interprofessional work, we offer our commitment to deliver an even greater impact to our region and Ohio.

The new college will include all of the programs that currently reside in:

- Nursing
- Professional Psychology
- Teacher Education
- Leadership Studies in Education and Organizations
- Social Work
- Human Services
- Kinesiology and Health

This is the first new college at Wright State in over three decades.

Hundreds of people from our campus community and regional stakeholders have already contributed greatly to this initiative. I want to thank all of you and especially the Academic Organization Review Steering Committee for its guidance to this point.

But there is still much work to be done and collaboration is the key. With input from our faculty, staff, students, community partners, and alumni, we will set an exciting collective vision for the new health college. Sue Ott Rowlands, provost of Northern Kentucky University, will facilitate a

visioning session on February 19. Dr. Ott Rowlands brings valuable experience and passion to the conversation, particularly as it relates to Northern Kentucky's recent formation of its Institute for Health Innovation. She will provide guidance in these discussions among key participants as a lead up to the final steps in the process.

Throughout the rest of spring semester, focused groups of faculty members, staff, students, and administrators will map out the structure and logistical details, including proposal of a new name for the college, and consider the possibilities for the future in the areas of:

- Curriculum
- Advising/Student Success
- Accreditation
- Workforce development
- Finances
- Governing body
- Affiliation agreements
- Marketing/advocacy
- Space

This is an opportunity to blend our diverse talents, tap into our creativity, and feed our passions. Together, we will create an amazing learning environment that provides our students with the education and opportunities needed to succeed in the classroom and in their careers, and support the university's focus on retention, recruitment, and relationships.

Please join us on February 12 for our Kick-Off Celebration.

Douglas W. Leaman, Ph.D.
Interim Provost

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