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The VPSL Column:



Hello Students,

Time is flying by and Thanksgiving break is just around the corner. Speaking of Thanksgiving, as you concentrate on your studies and extracurriculars, I hope you will also find time to practice gratitude and give thanks. Reflect on the people, places, and opportunities that keep you grounded, as well as uplifted, and the ideas and concepts that you are learning that inspire and motivate you.

As a new member of the Lewis & Clark community, I am grateful for each and every one of you, and I am inspired and encouraged by the collective care and support I see you show for one another. I am also encouraged that when we work together (for example collaborating on programs/events, or promoting dialogue), we can create more meaningful connections and strengthen our campus community.

When I took this job, I never thought I'd make some of those meaningful connections at an event called Goats on the Glade! There was so much joy watching hundreds of you enjoy the company of the baby goats. What a great example of the kind of fun, quirky, stress-busting activity that resonates with our community. Thanks to Pioneer Support Network and CAB for organizing what we hope will be an annual collaborative event with the VPSL Office!

Portland is full of offbeat events, cool places to visit, and cultural opportunities. To better connect you with the city, ASB is working on a proposal to collaborate with Lyft to create a rideshare program. Please provide feedback for ASB by completing the survey [here](#) (see below for more information).

Enjoy your week, and give gratitude!

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