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Going the extra mile: A note of thanks

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Dear L&C Community,

Welcome back to “normal” after last week’s epic snowstorm! Wednesday was the snowiest day in Portland in 80 years, with 10.8 inches at the airport. While the wintery weather made campus a picture-perfect wonderland, it also meant that a whole crew of people were on call to make decisions about operations and to keep our campus as safe as possible during and after the storm.

The number of people and hours of labor needed to keep campus running during a major weather event is significant. I’d like to recognize the staff who truly went above and beyond last week and through the weekend as we weathered this most recent storm:

- **Facilities**, who spread 5 tons of deicer and 2 tons of sand; shoveled pathways, parking lots, and roadways around the clock; and made sure heat was on, water was flowing, and backup systems were ready if we needed them. Some Facilities employees even slept on campus to be sure that there would be “boots on the ground” at any point that they were needed.
- **Campus Safety**, who analyzed National Weather Service reports; shoveled some snow; and responded to student calls for assistance—including picking up students who were stuck at Fred Meyer, many without winter clothing, when the Pio Express bus was unable to navigate the road to campus.
- **Campus Living**—the Campus Living staff, area directors, resident advisors, and residential experience managers—who made sure residential students were well supported and knew what resources were up and running, including the all-important question of where and when they could eat.
- **Bon Appétit**, for maintaining daily dining service for students.
- **The “Snow Team,”** who attended early morning and late evening Zoom meetings to make final decisions about operations and who sent out notifications on text, email, the website, and social media.

Thank you for your tireless efforts and dedicated work for Lewis & Clark. This is what it means to live in community: to come together to take care of one another and to navigate difficult situations with grace and cooperation. Now, let’s hope for spring!

In gratitude,
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