

April 15, 2020

Colleagues:

Good afternoon. I hope everyone's week is going smoothly and you've all been able to settle into a groove that is both familiar and productive.

As we draw closer to the end of the semester – I know, I know, we just restarted it, but mid-May will be here before we know it – it's time to recognize those members of our community who have excelled in their fields. One such example is Pedro Salas Camus, an instructor of modern languages and cultures, who took inspiration from the novel "2666" by the late Roberto Bolaño. That inspiration turned into a literary analysis of Bolaño's work that has earned Pedro the 2019-20 SRU President's Award for Scholarly and Creative Achievement. Please join me in congratulating Pedro on his achievement and recognition. To learn more about Pedro's story, [click here](#).

I also wanted to share a success story with you from our Troops to Teachers program. If you aren't aware, Troops to Teachers is a federally funded program through which military veterans with bachelor's degrees obtain teaching certification from our University in less than a year. Maurice Lee, who served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft maintenance officer, has taken advantage of the program and will be certified to be a full-time teacher in Pennsylvania next month. He already has a job offer pending. For more information about both the program and Maurice's experience in it, [click here](#).

In closing, I just wanted to remind everyone to stay safe and continue to practice social distancing.

Best,

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