Dear Campus Community,

I hope that you have had time to walk around campus and enjoy the beautiful weather. As Dave McKneely said to me, this is the best time of year to do this. The flowers are blooming, everything is green and alive. Spring is the best time of the year and it’s the time of year when we see a lot ofurti’s, , , and new things happening all around us. As we finish up our academic year while planning for the next year.

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Congratulations to Our OCCI Ice Carving Teams!

Chris Freda and Krisico Poppleton and students Amanda Ronback and Allan Howell took second place in the Student Division in the World Ice Art Championships in Fairbanks, Alaska. Our team is the only one to include student carvers who do not compete on the professional circuit. These two students were also selected as members of the Canadian Olympic Ice Carving Team to compete in the World Ice Art Championships.

Congratulations to Scylise Little, the 2013 Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar, for being selected from a pool of more than 1,800 applicants. Scylise was chosen based on scores earned in the All-american Scholars Program.

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