

COLLEGE COMMUNITY MEETING

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

DEAR PTC TOGETHER WE CAN AND WILL SUCCEED

Dr. Alicia B. Harvey-Smith, President/CEO
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Good afternoon PTC,

The Cabinet and I wanted to take some time today to share our progress as we continue to move the needle on a few critical fronts. Over the last several weeks, we have seen some impressive outcomes and projections for upcoming quarters, and it is important for each of us to recognize and rally around these improvements. Celebrating every little thing will lead us to the bigger things that we are working to tackle.

For some time now, I have shared that for us to be successful, we must move together as a team, faculty, staff, administration, and students, united in the belief that Pittsburgh Technical College is simply an amazing place to learn.

I have also encouraged each of us to understand that in-order to achieve the goals we have set in our planning documents, departments, and offices, that we must build the bridge - while crossing, which means that we must keep moving, maintain and build our operations by putting the needed infrastructure in place, by building capacity and with laser focus not give up, give in, or give out!

So, as we continue through this complex period of intense change and growth, putting the policies, systems, and processes in place, promise me that you will also find balance and take care of yourselves and each other.

Higher education across the country is experiencing many of the same challenges that we are and as I have said repeatedly, those institutions that will survive and ultimately thrive will be those that plan and execute well, those that change and adapt quickly and those who encourage innovation and each other throughout the process.

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What does building the bridge while crossing mean to you? It may be interpreted differently for each of us, but it must mean something in order for us to succeed.

What I know for sure is tough times don't last but tough people do, and PTC is full of tough people and that is our secret ingredient, PTC Magic if you will.

There are so many unsung heroes at PTC, and to be honest every one of you in your own way, can be an unsung hero as you continue to stay focused, realistic as well as, optimistic about the outcomes and help us create a culture of CARE - Compassion, Appreciation, Respect and Empowerment!

I am optimistic about our future because of the great people that help PTC everyday continue to push forward. Again, please remember, we will only be successful if we continue to pull together, work together and most importantly dream together.

My door is always open.

