



THE BRIEFING

September 28, 2021 • 2:00 p.m.

- **Good afternoon Fowler Family!**
- **COVID UPDATE:**
 - Yesterday Dallas County reported 1074 new cases
 - 83% of those diagnosed were not vaccinated
 - Dallas County also reported 17 deaths yesterday
 - All had underlying health conditions
 - They ranged in age from the teens to the 80s
- **FOWLER UPDATES:**
 - A Fowler Christian Apartments teammate tested positive for COVID last week
 - The teammate is quarantining at home and is doing well
 - Because the teammate was vaccinated, they experienced only sniffles no serious health impact
 - Additionally, the teammate's family was vaccinated, including a grandmother that lives with them and no one else tested positive
 - Proof that the vaccine is doing its job to minimize serious illness or death
 - Last Thursday was North Texas Giving Day – we raised almost \$35,000 in a single day - many thanks to all who supported Fowler
 - Thanks also to all of you who create a culture and a mission that people want to support
 - One of our donations came from the owners of Jimmy's Food Store, a family-owned Italian grocery store on Bryan Street that has been in business for more than 55 years
 - Our Mission Advancement team went over to Jimmy's and picked up lunch and took a picture to post on social media so that we could thank them for their generosity for the 3rd year in a row
 - When asked Why Fowler? They shared that they had a family member at Fowler years ago and they got really good care; they were also particularly interested in our intergenerational mission
 - Through the conversation, the owners expressed a desire to donate fresh produce and a lasagna dinner for the girls at The Ebby House
 - Another example of a grateful family – big thank you to Jimmy's
 - Last Wednesday, we got a call from a woman who is in town and wanted to bring her 91-year-old mother by for a tour
 - Her great grandmother was on the board of Fowler in the early days, and she remembered coming to Fowler to volunteer as a child and wanting to spend the night at Fowler in the orphanage because it had a slide out the windows!

- The slide was for evacuation in case of fire, but as a child, she thought it would be fun to live here and cried when her grandmother, the board member, said no!
 - We had never heard of the slide and were able to share other stories and walk her down memory lane of her childhood with many of our pictures
 - This morning, we were standing in my office and for the first time, noticed the slide in a picture of the children's home!
 - Another full circle moment
 - The irrigation company continues to make progress on the repairs of our sprinkler system – the small flags waving in the wind signify a spot that needs repair – we have seen a LOT of flags throughout campus and we are thrilled to have this project in progress
 - Upcoming Flu Clinics:
 - October 19 PNCC Assisted Living
 - October 26 FCA Assisted Living
 - COVID Booster Shot Clinic is scheduled for the last week of October – more info later
- **TODAY IS NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY!**
 - National Good Neighbor Day celebrates the importance of being a good neighbor while contributing to one's community and each other.
 - National Good Neighbor Day creates an opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other better – it's a blessing to have good neighbors but it is even greater to BE a good neighbor
 - We see evidence of this daily here at Fowler – we are a connected and caring community, and individually we can try to live with kindness and concern for our neighbors
 - If you have a neighbor that you don't know, today is a good day to reach out and introduce yourself, make a connection, extend an invitation to include them in your conversations, to have coffee, eat lunch, etc.
- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS**
 - 9/29 – George (FCA) & Lelia (FCA)
 - 10/02 – Maple (FCA)
 - 10/03 – Golda (FCA)
 - 10/04 – Barbara (FCA), Nathaniel (FCA), & Frederick (FCA)
- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**
 - 2 Years – George (FCA), Joyce (FCA), Dorothy (PNCC) and Pamela (PNCC)
 - 3 Years- Jeanine (JLC), Maple (FCA), Alexis (FCA), & Nancy (FCA)
 - 6 Years – Antonia (FCA)
 - 7 Years – Joy (FCA)
 - 17 Years – Jane (FCA)
- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**
 - Wishing a happy birthday to Nicole Gann. Nicole's birthday yesterday, September 27, 2021.
 - Happy birthday to Marisela Aguilar. Marisela's birthday is September 29.

- Pam Coit also has a birthday on September 29. Happy birthday, Pam!
- September 29th we have another birthday! Happy birthday to Malena Dickey!
- Happy birthday wishes to Jessica Gonzalez! Jessica's birthday is on October 1.
- Also on October 1, our friend Gena Martinez has a birthday. Happy birthday, Gena!
- Wishing Beverly McKinney a happy 3-year anniversary on September 29!
- October 1 is Rosa Gonzalez's 19-year anniversary. Happy anniversary, Rosa!
- Gentry Harper's 9-year anniversary is on October 1. Happy anniversary, Gentry!
- Also on October 1 is Sherri Munn's 3-year anniversary. Happy anniversary, Sherri!
- We received a resident shout out for so many of our teammates. This resident shared how attentive Soul and Lydiah are to her. She lifted up Rachel Love, Dovie Bates, Augustina Dor, Gena Martinez, Azucena Lozano, Marilyn Copeland and Gwen Thomas saying how caring they are and what great customer service they have provided her. She then mentioned how Janet Mitchell will take care of her nursing needs as well as supply needs and she does so with a happy heart. She also shared how Helen from Housekeeping will ask her about her grandson's condition. She said, "it really shows that Helen cares about me and my affairs".
- Veronica Zuniga received a resident shout out. Members of the Dining Services Committee shared that Veronica is polite and efficient. They love how Veronica asks, "May I" before removing their plates after their meal is finished.

- **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

- **Hispanic Heritage Month** takes place September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community.
- **Today we will recognize Joseph I. Castro**
 - Joseph I. Castro is the eighth chancellor of the California State University. Before that, Castro was the eighth president of California State University, Fresno. , He is the first Californian and first person of color to serve in this role. The grandson of immigrants from Mexico and the son of a single mother.
 - He was born in 1967 in Hanford, California. He was raised by his mother with the help of his grandparents, who were farmworkers from Mexico. In 1984, Castro graduated from Hanford High School, where he was the editor of the school paper and a varsity tennis player. Family members and teachers encouraged him to attend college, and he participated in a program to help Latino students from Valley farming communities attend college. As part of the program, he attended an event at the University of California, Berkeley, where he was immediately admitted and granted scholarships.
 - Castro earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's in public policy from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Ph.D. in higher education policy and leadership from Stanford University. He is a renowned and gifted scholar in the fields of leadership and public policy. He has mentored hundreds of other scholars, including many university presidents and senior officers.

- During his career, Castro has held various positions, including faculty and administrative roles, at five University of California campuses. And he has received several awards over his career. In 2010, he received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award from the University of California, San Francisco. In 2016, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs awarded Castro with the Ohtli Award, which is presented to individuals who have made a notable contribution in Mexican, Mexican American, and Hispanic Communities. Castro received the award for his work increasing graduation rates among students and his collaboration with the Mexican consulate to implement several programs. The Ohtli Award is Mexico's highest honor.
 - On September 23, 2020, the California State University announced that Castro had been selected to become its eighth chancellor in January 2021.
 - We celebrate and honor Dr. Joseph I. Castro for his leadership dedication towards education and empowering a dream that can be fulfilled by someone he said that looks like me.
- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

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