We have had a busy and productive fall semester, and as is often the case when exciting things are happening, time can get away from us; it is hard to believe the December holidays are here.

Campus Expansion
Our expansion in the Navy Yard was completed before the Labor Day holiday, and we are now fond of saying we have a true campus. Highlights include:

- Communication Sciences and Disorders, Nursing and Physical Therapy faculty and staff offices were relocated to be more proximate to each other, and the faculty-staff lounge was relocated and expanded.
- Classrooms were upgraded, the Speech, Language, & Literacy Center doubled in size and was outfitted with new technology; space for a new state-of-the-art Clinical Simulation Laboratory was created nearby.
- The Ruth Sleeper Learning Resource Center was renovated in response to student needs, and now includes a library reference desk staffed by a half-time librarian; additional quiet student study space was created on the fourth floor.

The increased space will be able to accommodate the anticipated growth in student enrollment, and the possibility of adding one or more new health professions programs in the future.

Planning for the Future
The Strategic Planning Steering Committee, with assistance from an external consulting firm and input from the full Institute community, completed an update of the 2005-2010 strategic plan. Five strategic goals for the next 18 months have been identified:

1. Realize the Institute’s distinctive identity and contributions
2. Optimize the total student experience to foster success
3. Enhance academic excellence (programs and faculty)
4. Build appropriate research capability
5. Align the organization’s structure, systems, and resources with our strategic goals.

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