A sweet start to the semester

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For the first time as new college students on their academic journeys. Some were there early, bringing student orientation materials for registration questions, waiting for class to start, or checking building maps. Others were running late, hurrying to catch the bus or carpool to get to Exploratory Hall for the first classes of the fall 2021 semester.

On Monday morning, my colleagues and I greeted faculty, staff, and students, offering each a cookie as a welcome back gift. People were in high spirits, despite the pandemic restrictions. It was great to see them, and are here to help.

We were all wearing masks, people's eyes showed a mixed sense of excitement and apprehension as I entered Exploratory Hall for the first time. The phrase 'nice to see you' takes on new meaning. I was fortunate to meet faculty, some for the first time, and are here to help.

Many of them seemed very happy to be back after a long hiatus. Others were coming on campus for the first time as new college students on their academic journeys.

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