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Dear Colleagues,

The Office of the Chief Information Officer has now been working remotely and supporting a remote workforce for an entire year. I wanted to pause for a minute and recognize your hard work, dedication, and commitment. You have made it possible to continue delivering outstanding IT service, security, and governance to the Department of Education while in a global pandemic. As Ann mentioned last week, our unity, collaboration, and hard work form the bedrock of OCIO culture.

OCIO has also welcomed new staff since we went remote, and we have received feedback that the team would like more frequent and regular communication about resources, events, and updates. We heard you and will be rolling out biweekly emails like this one. Although this is not meant to displace the updates many of us received informally while still in the office, we hope these emails help the staff feel more connected. See below for the update.

UPDATES

Peer Recognition Reminder

We will recognize individuals who their peers have nominated during our OCIO quarterly All Staff meeting on **Thursday, March 25**. Individuals can be nominated for a problem they helped solve, a project they helped with, or demonstrating alignment with one of our [Core Values](#). If you would like to recognize one of your peers, please email OCIO@ed.gov with the person's name and the reason for the nomination.

TRAINING AND EVENTS

This is not an exhaustive list of training opportunities. Please visit the announcements section of the OCIO SharePoint page for more optional training.

Diversity and Inclusion Training

On January 20, 2021, President Biden issued [Executive Order Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government](#) (Sec. 10). This Executive Order, among other things, revoked EO 13950. Diversity and Inclusion related training at the Department will resume, and we have rescheduled our remaining Unconscious Bias Training sessions for **March 26, April 13, and May 3**. Please make sure to register in FedTalent. Your spot in the class is not secured until you register.

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Individual Development Plans (IDPs)

