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From: Office of the MSU Provost
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Office of the Provost

Dear Colleagues,

As we approach Thanksgiving break, I want to take a moment to express my appreciation for the many contributions you've made to the success of our students this semester. I am deeply grateful for your continued dedication to our shared mission.

While our students look forward to the opportunity to rest and recharge, many will also reflect on the gratitude they feel for the chance to learn and grow at a university defined by your passion and dedication to their persistence to degree completion.

One of the many things that makes Montana State University exceptional is our unwavering commitment to both undergraduate education and the advancement of graduate programs, which integrate cutting-edge research opportunities with world-class training and mentorship.

Since awarding our first Master's in Botany in 1902, MSU's graduate programs have expanded significantly. Over the past decade, we conferred 4,766 Master's degrees, 952 Doctoral degrees and 821 Graduate Certificates. Last year alone, MSU conferred 700 advanced degrees, a resounding testament to our ongoing efforts to improve lives and society through education, innovation and research. Our graduates are tomorrow's leaders in industry, government, academia and public service—another dimension of the profound impact that MSU faculty have on society.

Montana University System Board of Regents meets this week on our campus in the Strand Union Ballrooms. The proceedings are scheduled for Thur. 0830-5:00 and Fri. 8:30-10:30. Meeting topics are listed in the [agenda](#). Faculty are welcome and you can stay as long or as short as you want.

The Board of Regents meets in Bozeman once every two years, making this a valuable opportunity to observe the Regents in action on our home turf as they exercise their “...*full power, responsibility and authority to supervise, coordinate, manage and control the Montana University System... as assigned by law.*”

I encourage you to remind your students of the Final Week Schedule. The last week of the semester is critical to our teaching and learning mission. Whether through final exams, summative assessments, project presentations or semester debriefs, I trust you will use this time in a way that best supports your course goals. Let’s help our students stay focused and finish the semester strong.

I wish you a restful Thanksgiving and look forward to finishing the semester with a sense of purpose and gratitude for the work we do together.

Kindest regards,



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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 21 – 22: Board of Regents meet in SUB Ballrooms
- Nov. 23: 12:00 pm, The Brawl... Go CATS!
- Nov. 25 – 29: Fall Break
- Dec. 9 – 12: Final Week
- Dec. 13: 10 am, Fall 2024 Commencement

Jan. 13: Spring 2025 Orientation

Jan. 14: First day of Spring 2025 Semester

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