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**Subject:** February Provost Faculty message



Office of the Provost

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

This [Founders Day week](#) represents 130 years of higher education at Montana State University in service to the state and the people of Montana. It is a celebratory week for MSU faculty, students and alums!

For the last few weeks, we have been announcing a [Founders Day Faculty Award](#), a new one each day, on the MSU website. We will honor all the awardees in a special ceremony this Thursday, Feb. 16 in Inspiration Hall. Please join me in congratulating these outstanding awardees for their accomplishments and contributions to our land grant university's mission of education, discovery and service.

Thursday afternoon, we will celebrate 130 [Extraordinary Ordinary Women of Montana State University](#), adding five more to the original honorees that were recognized at MSU's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018.

Furthermore, on Thursday evening, 40 of our faculty and staff will be recognized by students and the MSU Alumni Foundation at the [Founders Day Awards for Student Excellence](#).

This truly is a wonderful week of celebrating the accomplishments of our phenomenal faculty!

Continuing with the theme of celebration and recognition, I extend an invitation to the next [Provost's Distinguished Lecture](#) at the Museum of the Rockies on Feb. 21, 7:00 pm, with a reception following. Dr. Christine Foreman, a Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering professor, will share her career trajectory and ground-breaking (or, in Dr. Foreman's case, we might say "ice-breaking") research. I hope you will join us for a fascinating presentation and an excellent opportunity for fellowship.

Celebrating achievements and successes is a meaningful way to acknowledge our faculty's hard work and dedication. Please take some time to recognize and celebrate with your colleagues.

It is an honor to serve and work with you.

With much appreciation,



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