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Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the culmination of the academic year and eagerly await commencement, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you for your unwavering commitment to our students. Whether facilitating a thesis defense, overseeing a senior exhibition or recital, conducting advising sessions, conducting regular class meetings, or engaging in impromptu discussions on campus, your presence and active involvement greatly enhance our students' educational journeys. Thank you for being present and helping students persist in their educational goals.

FINAL WEEK

As a friendly reminder, the [Final Week](#) class period is counted in the number of class hours required for accreditation. Therefore, it is imperative for faculty to utilize this period for instructional purposes. To accommodate the need for additional time for end-of-semester assessments, a special schedule is in place for that week. Faculty are encouraged to utilize this time in a manner conducive to achieving student learning outcomes. Please ensure that you communicate to your students the significance of attending the final class meeting of the semester, along with the respective time and location.

STUDENT COURSE EVALUATIONS

The last remaining weeks of the semester marks the season of student course evaluations. The Center for Faculty Excellence provides a variety of strategies for enhancing student participation levels and improving the utility of feedback from course evaluations on the [Electronic Course Evaluations](#) webpage. Additionally, the Final Week presents one more opportunity for students to complete their course evaluations.

Feel free to reach out to the knowledgeable staff at CFE for guidance on academic best practices and for a multitude of other professional development opportunities and support. I recommend bookmarking the [CFE web page](#).

FAFSA

You may be aware of the challenges associated with the rollout of the redesigned Free

Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This has resulted in delays nationwide in confirming financial aid packages for new and returning college students. FAFSA plays a pivotal role in many students' decision-making processes regarding college attendance. Consequently, we encourage students who have not yet filed a FAFSA to do so promptly.

If you receive questions from students regarding financial aid and FAFSA-related delays, please let them know that we have resources to help, including:

- Students and parents can get connect with MSU's Office of Financial Aid (<https://www.montana.edu/financialaid/>) at finaid@montana.edu or by calling 406-994-2845.
- MSU Office of Admissions can answer questions about admissions and registration, along with providing a variety of useful resources for new students. Their team can be reached at: 1-888-MSU-CATS or admissions@montana.edu.
- Students with concerns about financing their education are encouraged to seek assistance from our [Office of Financial Education](#) in the **Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success**. Dedicated staff members in these offices are equipped to offer guidance and explore alternative avenues for students to consider, even before FAFSAs are fully processed.

In closing, thank you most sincerely for all that you do. I look forward to celebrating another extraordinary graduating class of Bobcats alongside you at Spring Commencement on May 10!

Warmest regards,



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Upcoming Events:

- May 7, 2-4pm: Celebration of Faculty Achievement, SUB Leigh Lounge
- May 7, 6pm: Tenure and Promotion Celebration (invitation only)
- May 10: Spring Commencement, Brick Breeden Fieldhouse