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Office of the Provost

Dear Colleagues,

Commencement last week reminded us why we do what we do. We witnessed students from every academic unit receive their hard-earned degrees. Families and loved ones celebrated. Speakers exhorted the graduates to use their education for good and to take time to reflect upon and thank those who made this achievement possible. Thank YOU for the contributions you've made to help students learn, grow, aspire and achieve their goals.

Also, thank you for submitting your students' grades by the Registrar's deadline. For several important reasons, it makes a difference to students when their grades and degrees are posted to their transcript in a timely fashion. It also benefits staff in terms of workload and job satisfaction.

Over the past academic year, we have been working on some refinements to our approach to **academic standing**. One change we are implementing this summer is replacing "academic probation" with "academic warning." Please review the [Undergraduate Student Scholastic Warning and Suspension](#) section of the MSU catalog for this and other changes. These changes align with recent revisions that were made in Board of Regents policy.

In looking to the near future, I am thrilled to note that **Convocation is back!** Mark your calendar now for the [2023 First Year Student Convocation](#), which will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 22, the day before start of Fall classes. Please plan to attend and welcome the entering class of 2023. Tickets are free of charge and available from the Bobcat Ticket Office or [TicketWest](#). The Convocation speaker is Stephanie Land, a bestselling author who overcame challenges of poverty and single parenthood to achieve her dream of a college degree. All first-year students will receive a copy of her memoir, *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay and a Mother's Will to Survive*. As appropriate, consider incorporating the book or an excerpt of her story into your course this fall, especially since we will have the opportunity to hear from the author in person.

I wish you a wonderful, restful, and productive summer. (Can you believe, summer session is underway, already!) I hope to see you around campus or on the trails this

summer, or if not, in August when the exciting new academic year begins. Until then, take some time to enjoy the view and the change in pace.

Yours truly,



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