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Dear Colleagues,

Our faculty and staff continue to define MSU through excellence, care and commitment to student success. Thank you for the many ways you support students and colleagues each day. I am grateful not just for the work you do, but for *how* you do it, with mindfulness and intentionality in caring for colleagues and students.

One immediate way to strengthen our culture of care is by completing MSU's online suicide prevention training through *SOS Mindwise*. This brief, evidence-based course provides practical tools to recognize distress, initiate supportive conversations and connect individuals with resources. Participants report greater confidence and readiness to act in classrooms, advising and daily interactions. Visit bit.ly/msumindwise to learn how to get started.

I also encourage you to take advantage of the *YuJa Panorama* accessibility tool now embedded in Canvas. The green, yellow or red icon next to your content files (it looks like this ) opens a guide with clear recommendations to improve accessibility. MSU's Digital Accessibility Team is preparing additional workshops and resources ahead of the April 26 federal compliance deadline, but simply exploring these icons now is a meaningful first step. Information on the *YuJa* tool is available [here](#).

I trust you saw my [informational message](#) a couple weeks ago on generative AI that lists various resources and training opportunities. In addition, the Center for Faculty Excellence will be offering a series of [workshops](#) this semester that I think you'll find beneficial. I also encourage you to take the opportunity to connect with colleagues and subject matter experts at the [Faculty Symposium](#) in late March following Spring Break.

In closing, I hope you will join us for the **Founder's Day Faculty Awards** on Tuesday, February 17, as we celebrate 17 colleagues whose accomplishments reflect MSU's mission and impact. RSVP at the link below. I look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bob'.

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Upcoming Events

Feb. 17: [Founder's Day Faculty Awards](#), 8:30am, Inspiration Hall, NAH

Feb. 17: [Provost Distinguished Lecture](#), Yves Idzerda, 7pm, Museum of the Rockies

Feb. 24: [Spring Career Fair](#), 10am-3pm, Strand Union Building

Mar. 26: [Faculty Symposium on AI](#), 8am-5pm, Strand Union Building

May 8: [Spring Commencement](#), Brick Breeden Fieldhouse

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