

## **MSU Employees:**

This past weekend we celebrated Homecoming 2023 and had great weather, and even greater crowds at all events. We want to say thank you to everyone who helped make it happen!

One special ceremony was the unveiling of the bronze eagle near the corner of ADUC and Combs Building. This gift from alumni Ron and Diane Cartee will serve as a great focal point for our campus and a wonderful place to take pictures. Many individuals contributed to making the bronze eagle a reality, including artist, Sam McKinney, who is a retired art professor, several members of our alumni office, and MSU staff member Jessi Ferguson who came up with the initial idea.

As we turn the corner to the last few weeks of the Fall semester the following information might be of assistance.

### Dates of Note:

- November 22-24 – University Closed for Thanksgiving Break – Be careful if you plan to travel.
- November 28 – Holiday Carnival – ADUC – Start times are 4:30 pm for kids, 6:00 pm for the public.
- December 6 – Employee Holiday Luncheon at The Rock – 11:00 am - 1:15 pm. Free for employees – vouchers will be provided at a table near the cashier's register.
- December 4 – 8 – Final Examination Week
- December 9 – Fall Commencement – 10:30 am
- December 11 – Winter Term Begins
- December 19 – University Closes at 4:30 pm for Winter Break
- January 2, 2024 – University Reopens at 8:00 am
- January 10, 2024 – Spring Convocation – 8:30 am - ADUC

### Congratulations and Thank You:

- Congratulations to our Women's Soccer team for winning the OVC Championship this past weekend.
- Thank you to Rodney Watkins for serving as Interim Library Dean while we conduct a national search for a replacement for the recently retired David Gregory.

### Employee Calendars for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025:

Many individuals and units conduct planning a year ahead of time. To assist with this, see the academic and personnel calendars below:

- Academic Calendar for Spring 2024, Summer 2024, Fall 2024, and Spring 2025:  
<https://www.moreheadstate.edu/academics/academic-affairs/registrar/calendars>
- Employee Calendars for Spring 2024 and Academic Year 2024-2025:

<https://www.moreheadstate.edu/about-msu/leadership/administration/human-resources/employees/calendar>

### Recruiting and Yield Events:

We have been having an assortment of recruitment and yield events and want to thank everyone who has been helping. These have been productive, and we will continue them as the year unfolds. We are hopeful that our entire campus is in recruitment mode as you see and encounter prospective students.

### Board of Regents Meeting Update:

Our Board of Regents recently met and approved the following items:

- Approved the University audit which had no issues or findings.
- Approved the 2024-2026 biennial budget request.
- Approved University endowment matches with state dollars.
- Approved a University budget adjustment for our cyber costs.
- Approved state asset preservation funds to conduct renovations in the library, AAC, Eagle Lake apartments, Ginger Hall, Mignon Complex, and IT upgrades.
- Approved an exemption to LEED certifications in Alumni Tower, new Science and Engineering Building, and Cooper Hall
- Authorized the administration to begin the construction process for a new campus residential hall.
- Approved restarting of our MSU Track Program for Fall 2024.
- Approved changes to the Staff Congress Bylaws for name changes, updates to PG-22 related to employment of family members in the same area, updates to the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee on the number of times it meets each semester, and updates to the President's job description to align with language related to SACSCOC accreditation.

### New Residence Hall for Campus:

In addition to the construction of our new Science and Engineering building, our Board of Regents has authorized the construction of a new campus residence hall. The plan is for us to begin the exit of Cartmell Residence Hall within a few years and use the renovation of Cooper Hall (175 beds) and the new residence hall (300-325 beds) to accomplish this.

### Razing of Wetherby Gymnasium:

Beginning in the next week or so, Wetherby Gymnasium will be razed. This building has served the campus well over the years. In the spring, we will pave the site for student parking. One of our goals has been to create more parking for students on campus and to get as many of them off the Hwy 60 lot as possible. We will then come back and clean this area up for a much nicer looking entrance to campus. Please be careful if you are in or near this area over the next several weeks.

Many thanks to everyone for moving this semester along well.

Jay Morgan  
President