

MSU Campus Community:

We hope your summer is well and that you are getting a little time to spend with your family and friends along the way.

The following are a few quick updates as we approach our new academic year.

Fall Convocation:

As we get close to August, and many of our areas do their planning for the fall semester, we wanted to let you know of a slight change in Fall Convocation scheduling on Wednesday, August 8.

This year we will start August 8th with an 'All Faculty and Staff Breakfast' between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. in the Button Drill Room that will be comprised of a full breakfast. Come as you wish to the breakfast - however, we don't want everyone to flood the place at 9:00 and not get through the line. At 9:30 a.m. we will transition to Button Auditorium for our usual Fall Convocation which we anticipate being much like last fall in length – around an hour or so and will highlight the coming fall semester.

This timeline for breakfast from 8:00-9:30, with Convocation at 9:30, will not only save money, but we believe will also allow for better logistics of the day. Specifically, it will allow many of our faculty and staff who are working that day on student Move-In, doing last minute advising of students, and other core functions across campus to be free from roughly 10:30 a.m. through the remainder of the day. We are going to try this schedule for the fall and see how it works.

Campus:

Campus construction continues to move forward and several university projects are starting to take shape. ADUC is progressing and several Student Affairs staff will begin to move in slowly over the next few weeks. It will not be open to the public yet, at least until they get a few final touches put on the building. The newer part of ADUC will continue to move forward with a potential opening mid fall semester.

Our Grounds staff have also been working to address the area around the old switch gear building in front of the Methodist Student Center. They have done a good job with making that area look a little better, with the hope that our Campus Quad will return to normal and look good in the mid/late fall.

Many of our summer camps continue to come and go as their weeks entail, and it is always good to have prospective students on our campus.

SOAR's:

Our summer SOAR programs for registering new incoming students seem to show some good trends. We graduated a large class of seniors last year, so we are hopeful that we have a good

group of new incoming students. Many thanks to staff and faculty from all of our areas for your efforts, and for putting our best foot forward when prospective students are here. We are appreciative of your efforts and for everyone pulling together to make them successful.

Academic Year Calendar:

Our various offices will be sending 'Back to School Schedules' as we approach August, however the link below will allow you to see the full 2018-2019 academic calendar at a glance as you and/or your areas plan for the year.

<http://www.moreheadstate.edu/MSU/media/Human-Resources/9075-HUMR-Fiscal-Calendar-18-19.pdf>

Many thanks to all our employees for pulling together to make our campus run as smooth as possible and to serve our students.

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