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Office of the Provost

Dear Colleagues,

The close of the academic year is one of the clearest expressions of our work. It is where teaching, mentorship and creative activity culminate in student achievement. Across classrooms, labs, studios and field sites, you have advanced discovery while guiding students to meaningful milestones. In doing so, you demonstrate the power of Montana State to change lives and strengthen communities.

In these final weeks, our campus comes alive with presentations, defenses, performances and celebrations of accomplishment. It is a demanding stretch, but it also reflects the very best of what we do. Thank you for sustaining that momentum and bringing the semester to a strong and purposeful close.

The semester runs through May 7, with a modified schedule during Final Week. While instructors retain broad discretion in how they use that time, class meetings should not be canceled. If circumstances arise that warrant an exception, please consult with your department head. Your timely submission of grades by Monday, May 11, is equally important. Prompt grading supports students as they plan for upcoming terms, confirm requirements for graduate school or employment, and maintain scholarship standing.

This Spring's Commencement will be my final one as provost, and it offers an opportunity to express my deep appreciation for your work and our partnership. Serving with you in support of the academic mission of Montana State University has been an honor. Over the past decade, student retention and graduation rates have risen markedly, even as enrollment reached record levels. These accomplishments reflect your dedication to students and your commitment to excellence.

I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me and for the many ways you have advanced our shared mission. Thank you for allowing me to be part of that work.

I hope you will join me in celebrating our graduates on May 8 and all that they represent.

Sincerely,



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Upcoming Events

May 1: [Student Research Celebration](#), 10am-noon and 1-3pm, Strand Union Building

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

May 11: **Final Grades Due!**

Aug 25: [First Year Student Convocation](#), 5pm, Brick Breeden Fieldhouse

Aug 26: Start of Fall Semester

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