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Office of the Provost

Dear Colleagues,

Faculty are the cornerstone of the transformational educational experience that defines Montana State University. Our university thrives when we connect with students through teaching, research and creative work. We grow stronger when we collaborate with colleagues, participate in shared governance and take time to support one another. Seemingly small acts like helping a student overcome a challenge or expressing appreciation to a staff member can add up to a powerful culture of respect and collaboration.

Together with Faculty Senate leadership, I invite you to continue finding ways to contribute to the vitality of our scholarly community. The collective energy and creativity of our faculty shape MSU's success every day.

2025 Faculty Symposium

Preregistration advising begins soon, with spring registration opening next week. Thank you for helping students navigate their path to degree completion. This makes the theme of this year's [Faculty Symposium](#) especially timely: student mentoring and advising.

Join us from 11:30 to 1:30 on October 29 to hear insights from faculty, professional advisors and students on supporting students throughout their academic journeys. This will be a meaningful, informative session, and a nice lunch will be provided. Please join us and register [here](#).

Course Materials

If you haven't yet submitted your course materials requests to the MSU Bookstore for Spring Semester 2026, please do so as soon as possible, either directly or through your unit's bookstore contact. Timely submissions ensure that students have what they need from the first day of class.

As you finalize your selections, please consider *affordability* and *accessibility*. The Center for Faculty Excellence has created a guide on [choosing learning materials](#) to help faculty

navigate these important decisions, and the MSU Library is always happy to assist with [textbook access solutions](#) and other course needs.

Distinguished Lecturer Series

I'm pleased to announce the first speaker in this year's [Provost's Distinguished Lecturer Series](#): Dr. Virginia Bratton, professor in the Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship. Please join me at 7pm on October 21 at the Museum of the Rockies as Dr. Bratton shares insights from her research and professional journey. I look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for all the ways you contribute to our students, colleagues and campus community. Your commitment makes Montana State University stronger and better.

Kind regards,



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Upcoming Events

Oct. 21: Provost's Distinguished Lecture — *Dr. Virginia Bratton*, 7:00pm, Museum of the Rockies

Oct. 29: Faculty Symposium, 11:30-1:30, Inspiration Hall, NAH

Dec. 12: Fall 2025 Commencement

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