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**From:** Office of the MSU Provost <provost@montana.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2024 7:52 AM  
**Subject:** Welcome to the start of a new academic year – FALL 2024!



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Office of the Provost

Dear Colleagues,

I am thrilled to welcome you to a new academic year with a heart full of anticipation and excitement.

The start of a new semester always brings a sense of renewal and possibility—a chance to make a profound impact on the lives of our students and to contribute to the noble mission of the land grant university.

I extend special greetings to over 60 new faculty members and instructors who join us this week as they launch their careers at MSU. These new colleagues will further enrich our campus community with their creative energy and scholarly pursuits. I encourage you to reach out to new colleagues and help them settle into our academic community and the broader Bozeman community. There are many new potential collaborators and future friends on campus today!

As we move forward into the academic year, please keep student success at the center of your work. Each lecture, discussion and interaction with students is an opportunity to shape the future of our society by empowering the next generation of leaders, thinkers and innovators. Students look to you not only for knowledge but also for inspiration and support. It is through your efforts that they find the courage to dream big, the wisdom to pursue those dreams and the perseverance to overcome obstacles along the way.

I invite you to participate in the vibrant intellectual community that makes our university so special. One of the first opportunities is [Convocation](#), where acclaimed author Tommy Orange will address the incoming class of students with an inspiring message. Join me at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20, in the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse as we gather for this traditional kick-off to the academic year.

In the coming days, we will announce the Provost's Distinguished Lecturer series. This is a wonderful chance to hear from thought leaders across disciplines and learn about their personal and intellectual journeys. These opportunities not only enrich our professional lives but also help to build the strong, supportive network that is essential to our collective success. I look forward to seeing you at these events and around campus this semester!

In closing, please know that I deeply appreciate the dedication, passion and resilience each of you brings to your work.

Best wishes for a successful and rewarding academic year ahead!

Sincerely,



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P.S.: This was a very busy summer on our campus. Following are several general updates.

**Updates of Interest:**

**Aug. 19, TODAY:** [Student Wellness Center](#) grand opening [celebration](#) at 3pm.

**Aug. 20:** Convocation starts at 4pm, with author Tommy Orange, Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.

**Aug. 21:** MSU Faculty and staff members may enroll in [membership to the Campus Recreation Center](#). Please bring your Cat Card when you enroll. Towel service and faculty locker rentals will be available for purchase starting Sep. 3. The [pool](#) is expected to open in October.

**Aug. 21:** [CatTracks](#), the university's free shuttle service opens. The service runs continuously from 7am to 6pm weekdays.

**Parking:** The newly constructed (and lighted) parking lots on either side of the stadium (Lot 20 and 25) are open to [Bobcat permit holders](#).

**Walking:** The new pedestrian walkway between the Wellness Center and Romney Hall is open with landscaping work in progress. When completed, it's going to be a beautiful trek across Montana!

**Under Construction:** Gianforte Hall, Jones Hall, Reid Hall renovations and elevator replacement, Campus Facilities Yard relocation, Bobcat Indoor Athletic Center, and numerous infrastructure and remodel projects.

**Swingle Annex:** Gallatin College MSU is relocating several medical-related programs to the first floor. [Campus Civil Rights](#) staff offices are relocating to the second floor.

**Sabbatical Applications:** A notice about sabbatical applications for qualified tenured faculty will be provided in early September.

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