

Looking Ahead to a Busy and Meaningful Week on Campus

Dear Bobcats,

As we begin a busy and meaningful week on campus, I want to thank you for your flexibility, professionalism and unwavering dedication to our students.

Commencement, scheduled for Thursday, May 21, is the highlight of the week and one of the most meaningful moments in our students' lives. We are honored to welcome Maryland Governor Wes Moore, who will deliver the keynote address at the afternoon ceremony. Because of commencement activities and the presence of distinguished guests, you will notice enhanced safety protocols, increased security and several parking lot closures across campus. We appreciate your patience and understanding as these measures help ensure a safe and successful celebration for our graduates and their families. Please plan ahead, allow extra time to reach your destinations, and follow posted signage and guidance from our staff and University Police.

I strongly encourage you to attend the commencement ceremonies. Your presence means a great deal to our graduates and their families, and it reflects the shared pride we feel in all they have accomplished. Your support also helps create the warm, celebratory atmosphere that defines FSU at its very best.

Each year, graduates are invited to recognize faculty and staff members who made a significant, positive difference in their journey at FSU. This year, nearly 70 of you were honored. Your presence at commencement is a powerful reminder of the lasting impact you have on our students' learning, growth and sense of belonging. Seeing the faculty and staff who taught, mentored and supported them along the way helps ensure this culminating celebration reflects the full community that helped them succeed. Those recognized are as follows:

- Amanda Bucy
- Amy Shimko
- Andy Duncan
- April Pauza
- Ashley Lane
- Brodie Mallozzi
- Carrie Saunders
- Christopher Boyer
- Clara Thiel
- Daniel Champigny
- Denise Arnold
- Don Swogger

- Dr. Amy Branam Armiento
- Dr. Jaime Striplin
- Dr. Scott Rieker
- Dr. Amit Shah
- Dr. Assyad Al-Wreikat
- Dr. Jennifer Bishoff
- Dr. Chelsea Shrader
- Dr. Clarissa Lang
- Dr. Curt Baker
- Dr. Daniel Moorehead
- Dr. David Atenasio
- Dr. Eric Moore
- Dr. Fayan Meng
- Dr. Franklin Hughes
- Dr. GE Washington
- Dr. Heather Hoffert
- Dr. Jenna Epstein
- Dr. John Murphy
- Dr. Justin Dunmyre
- Dr. Kaimiao Liu
- Dr. Karen Keller
- Dr. Kathleen Jacoy
- Dr. Jennifer Flinn
- Dr. Erica Kennedy
- Dr. Jacqueline Durst
- Dr. Kathleen Jocoy
- Dr. Kiersten Bradley
- Dr. Kimberly Rowe
- Dr. Kris McGee
- Dr. Lei Ye
- Dr. Mark Gallagher
- Dr. Matthew Ramspott
- Dr. Maureen Hamilton
- Dr. Natalia Buta Lowe
- Dr. Paul Bernhardt
- Dr. Sarah O'Neal
- Dr. Seniz Celimli-Aksoy
- Dr. Stephen Hartlaub
- Dr. William Seddon
- Dr. Zhijang Chen
- Dr. Evan Offstein
- Dr. Thomas Serfass

- Emily Mileson
- Harriet Douglas
- Hillary Jones
- Jennifer Browne
- Justina Bennett
- Leanna Noon
- Lucinda Lane
- Meghan O'Neal
- Nathan Williams
- Nicole Lewis
- Nicole Andrews
- Oleg Kutcher
- Roxanne Weighley
- Shawn Jones
- Syully Koroh

Thank you again for your cooperation during this busy week and for all you do each day to support our students. Your dedication helps make moments like commencement possible and reminds us of what is so special about the Bobcat community.

With FSU pride,

Dr. Darlene Brannigan Smith
Interim President