

Dec. 15, 2021

Good afternoon,

Here are a few items as we finish the fall semester:

Graduates recognizing faculty and staff. Prior to each graduation, I ask graduates to recognize a faculty or staff member who has made a difference during their time at FSU. This fall we have 18 individuals to recognize. Congratulations to each:

Chelsea Daggett
Ashley Daniels
Susan Dodge
Rebecca Gallagher
Elisabeth Lean
Tim Magrath
Martha Mattare
Janet Mattern
Marc Michael
Sarah O'Neal
Richard Raesly
Annjane Ross
James Saku
Kate Sheehan
John Stoothoff
Yi-Zun Wang
William Wetherholt
Jamie Winters

The morning commencement ceremony (9:30 a.m.) will be for this fall's graduates and the afternoon ceremony (2 p.m.) will be for spring '20, fall '20 and spring '21 graduates. Both [commencement](#) ceremonies will be [streamed live](#).

Provost Search. I received feedback from the search committee, which gathered information from across all campus constituencies. I thank everyone, especially the committee, for their efforts and participation. I am now working with the consultants on the next step, including further background checks, etc. I hope to have an announcement before the end of the year.

Holiday Reception. A quick reminder the annual holiday reception will be held Friday, Dec. 17, from 2 until 4 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. The Office of Civic Engagement is holding a toy drive (new, unwrapped toys, please) and the Office of Human Resources will be looking for the "Most Outlandish" holiday sweater. Please join us.

COVID information. The University System plans to hold meetings over the next several weeks to monitor health conditions. I will keep the campus informed of any decisions that may be made prior to the beginning of our fall semester. I recommend the booster for anyone who is eligible and has not received one yet. Scientific evidence indicates the booster is helpful. The mandatory testing of

vaccination-exempt members of the campus community for fall semester ends this Thursday. I remind everyone who would like a test to get one either this afternoon or tomorrow afternoon, noon to 4 p.m. in Lane 113.

Wrapping up fall semester. As we conclude the fall semester, I hope it was a productive one for each member of our campus community. [Registration](#) continues for [winter intersession](#) and spring semester. For those leaving the campus, I hope your travels are safe.

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