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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