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Subject: Important announcement regarding dean of JJCBE



Office of the Provost

Dear MSU Community,

I write to you today to announce that Mark Ranalli will be stepping down at the end of the academic semester after almost three years as dean of the Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship. Mark, an entrepreneur at heart, plans to pursue opportunities in the private sector.

During his time at MSU, Mark focused on student needs, providing students many opportunities for them to grow and become better prepared for life and careers after graduation.

Some of the Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship's accomplishments during Mark's tenure include:

- Creating the new Master's of Science in Innovation and Management, which will see its first students enrolled this fall.
- Implementing a freshmen retention program funded with support from generous alumni with whom Mark had built relationships.
- Launching two successful entrepreneurial venture competitions: The Big Idea Competition and the MSU \$50K Venture Competition.
- Developing a visiting executive program that will launch this fall.

Mark established meaningful relationships with dozens of JJCBE alumni as well as local, state and national business interests, always with an eye toward how those relationships could benefit our students.

It has been my pleasure to work with Mark, and I wish him all the best in his new ventures.

In coming weeks, I will meet with faculty, staff and student representatives of the Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship to discuss opportunities for the college. I look forward to listening to ideas as we collaboratively formulate plans for the college's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob".

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