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Dear Faculty,

As we settle into the Fall semester, I am inspired by the energy, passion, and dedication that you bring to your work, every day. The results of your efforts are notable as we continue to make strides in student persistence and degree completion rates.

Faculty engagement through teaching, advising and mentoring has a transformational impact on our students lives. It's noble work and it is not easy – Montana State University is a better place because of your efforts.

Part of that impact is measured by [MSU's Institutional Accreditation](#). Next month, from Oct. 9-11, we will host an accreditation team from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).

Faculty involvement is an important part of our accreditation review. I encourage you to learn about our approach by reviewing our Accreditation 101 Modules. The modules relate to key areas of interest to the NWCCU team, so please consider how your work relates to each, as summarized in the accreditation modules described below.

- [Accreditation Module 1](#) focuses on program learning outcomes and summative assessment of degrees, minors and certificates. _
- [Accreditation Module 2](#) shows the connection between assessment, student learning and MSU's Strategic Plan, [Choosing Promise](#).
- [Accreditation Module 3](#) centers on our Core Curriculum, which provides students a broad educational basis to ensure they remain adaptable in an ever-changing world.
- Accreditation Modules 4 and 5 focus on advising and co-curricular programs. Informative details on these areas will be added soon to the MSU accreditation webpage.

Faculty input and assessments guide University decision making. **I encourage you to attend the Accreditation Faculty Forum – Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 2:00pm in Inspiration Hall.** The Faculty Forum is an open dialogue session between faculty and the NWCCU external accreditation review team for them to hear your perspective of our university's continuous improvement processes, transparency and institutional effectiveness, as described in more detail [here](#).

Lastly, while accreditation occurs every seven years, the impact you have on students is daily. It is never too early to reach out to students who may need support. You can submit a [CARES form](#) or remind students to reach out to MSU's [Counseling and Psychological Services](#).

For students who would benefit from enhanced academic support, consider submitting an alert to the [Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success](#). Regularly remind students about the many other resources on campus, including [tutoring services](#), the [Writing Center](#) and the [Math and Stat Center](#).

Thank you again for your continued dedication to students and to fulfilling the mission of our Land Grant University.

Sincerely,



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Upcoming Events

Sept. 30: Isabel Allende, President's Crossing Boundaries Speakers Series, SUB Ballrooms

Oct. 9: Accreditation Faculty Forum, Inspiration Hall

Oct. 15: J. Mitchell Vaterlaus, Provost's Distinguished Lecture, MOR

Nov. 13: Last Day for Students to withdraw from a class with a 'W' grade

Dec. 13: Fall 2024 Commencement

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