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Dear Colleagues,

It is a delight to share the excitement of the first day of school with all of you! Thank you for what you are doing to welcome new students, to welcome back returning students, and to advance the mission of Montana State through your research, creative activity, and scholarship. I am proud of what we do together.

To celebrate the launch of the academic year, I invite you all to join the Faculty Fall Reception, to be held this Friday, August 28, from 4 – 6 p.m. in SUB Ballroom D. Please stop by to reconnect with other faculty members after a summer away and enjoy conversations among colleagues at the hosted reception. I hope to see you there.

This fall, MSU is in the final stages of developing the Strategic Plan. When we return from the Labor Day holiday, everyone will have a chance to review descriptions of the proposed projects that respond to the ideas generated in last spring's listening sessions. You are invited to give input about which projects will be included in the final plan. Please keep an eye out for the details about when, where, and how you can participate in this stage of the Plan's development. The Strategic Plan will be presented at the November Board of Regents meeting, held here on campus on November 19 & 20.

This fall you can also expect to learn more about digital accessibility and MSU's commitment to provide accessible materials for all learners. Please review the [Digital Accessibility](#) webpage for information about making your course materials and scholarship output accessible. You'll see announcements about training opportunities through the Center for Faculty Excellence throughout this academic year.

Welcome back, everyone. Here's to a great year ahead!

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Upcoming Events

Aug. 28: Welcome Back Faculty Reception, 4:00 pm, SUB Ballroom D
Sept. 16: Last day to drop a class, last day to opt out of Inclusive Access course materials
Oct. 1-2: [The Future of AI](#) Conference
Dec. 18: Fall 2026 Commencement

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