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Dear Colleagues,

I would like to begin our fall academic newsletter by expressing gratitude for your ongoing support in ensuring our students' success. Please continue to oversee our students' progress and submit progress reports. Additionally, I extend a warm welcome to our new faculty members. We are thrilled to have you on board with us.

Stephanie Balsom, Instructor and Clinical Lab Science Program Director, College of Science and Mathematics
Sara Bielek, Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Health, Education, and Human Services
Enamul Choudhury, Instructor, College of Liberal Arts
Adam Deardorff, Instructor, Boonshoft School of Medicine
Christine Deeths, Assistant Professor, Boonshoft School of Medicine
Kimberly Farley-Smith, Lecturer, College of Health, Education, and Human Services
Max Gilson, Instructor, College of Engineering and Computer Science
Larrilyn Grant, Assistant Professor, Boonshoft School of Medicine
Nathan Griffith, Clinical Associate Professor, College of Health, Education, and Human Services
Lucyann Kerry, Visiting Assistant Professor, College of Liberal Arts
Dawn McNaughton, Clinical Assistant Professor, Boonshoft School of Medicine
Janose Osedeme, Instructor, Lake Campus
Arnulfo Perez, Visiting Assistant Professor, College of Science and Mathematics
Olvin Rosado, Instructor, College of Health, Education, and Human Services
Cole Russing, Visiting Assistant Professor, College of Liberal Arts
Hugh Salehi, Assistant Professor, College of Engineering and Computer Science
Sunanda Sharma, Instructor, College of Health, Education, and Human Services
Robert Simons, Instructor, College of Science and Mathematics
Anna Squibb, Associate Professor, Boonshoft School of Medicine
Sarah Stinson, Clinical Instructor, Lake Campus
Sara Tisherman, Assistant Professor, Boonshoft School of Medicine
Wen Zhang, Assistant Professor, College of Engineering and Computer Science

I want to highlight a few items:

Total student enrollment increases at Wright State University: Wright State welcomed 1,713 first-time students this semester, representing an 11.2% increase from the fall 2022 and the highest number of first-time students since fall 2018. This year is the second consecutive one in which the number of first-time students has increased by more than 10%. [Read more.](#)

Participation Roster: As noted in Provost Thompson's Forward Momentum communication, we achieved an impressive 95% submission rate for our participation rosters with a special recognition to the College of Science and Mathematics for being on top with an outstanding submission rate of 96%.

Mid-Term grades: Mid-term grades serve as a valuable tool for assessing academic progress, promoting early intervention when needed, motivating students, holding individuals accountable, and making important decisions related to financial aid, course selection, and graduation requirements. **Mid-term grades are due by Oct. 18th, 11.59 p.m.** Please make sure to complete them. They are optional for graduate students, but we encourage all of you to consider including these students as well.

Celebration of Undergraduate & Graduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities: Registration is now open and can be found at the link below. Registration closes on September 30, 2023. Please submit registrations as soon as possible: [Register here for the Celebration of Research.](#)

Changes around campus: For those of you who are new to Wright State or returning after a summer break, there are exciting changes happening around campus.

- New locations:
 - College of Liberal Arts (Allyn Hall)
 - College of Health, Education, and Human Services (Millet Hall)
 - Public Safety and Police Department (108 Allyn Hall)
 - Identity Centers (023 Student Union)
 - Completely renovated book store (182 Student Union)
 - University Center for International Education (334 Student Union)
- Textbooks provided by [ecampus](#).
- The Mental Health Task Force is working to create a culture of well-being and care at the Dayton and Lake campuses and raise awareness of resources available to help students, faculty and staff prioritize their mental health. Walk-in student services available at 053 Student Union on the Dayton Campus and 187 Andrews Hall at the Lake Campus.

Closing Thoughts:

We have set our Senate priorities to creating equitable paths for academic achievement; promoting a strong collaborative partnership with the Staff Senate, Student Government Association, and the Provost's office; and fostering a positive and productive academic environment. The WSU Faculty Senate is a representative body and on behalf of myself, Vice

President Dawn Wooley, the Executive Committee, Senate Parliamentarian Melissa Spirek, and the elected faculty senators, I look forward to working together with you to promote a culture of inclusiveness, thoughtfulness, creativity, and forward-thinking to serve our students.

Sincerely,
Subhashini Ganapathy
Faculty President