



Office of the President

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

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Dear Lumberjacks,

Congratulations to all as we approach the end of the semester. I am proud of the effort our staff, faculty, and students have put in to making this semester another rewarding one. To ensure a strong finish, I encourage students heading into finals to take advantage of the many academic resources we provide.

Looking ahead, I'd like to invite you to view the latest [Forecast from Flagstaff](#) broadcasts. One focuses on incoming students, with an overview of life at NAU. Another provides information to returning students as we approach fall. Broadcasts include footage from this semester's activities, timely information about enrollment, financial aid, housing, health and safety protocols—including vaccination and testing plans—and testimonials from NAU students about why they chose NAU.

Tomorrow, we have a wonderful opportunity to cheer for our Lumberjacks at the 2021 Regents' Cup, a celebration of free speech, civil discourse, and democratic engagement at Arizona's public universities. Students will compete with peers for scholarships and course credit, and observers will be able to watch the competition virtually. [Get more information and watch online.](#)

Earlier today, Fry's Food Stores made a \$10,000 donation to Louie's Cupboard. My sincere thanks to Fry's and congratulations to Louie's Cupboard, which has been providing food resources to the Flagstaff and NAU communities since 2012.

Although we approved NAU's Diversity Strategic Plan (DSP) in the fall, we adjusted its rollout because of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we have made great progress. I am pleased by our many achievements this year, including the appointment of the inaugural class of Diversity Fellows, who will play a key role in implementing the goals and objectives of the DSP across campus. Also, my thanks to the five Diversity Commissions for keeping diversity, equity, and inclusion at the forefront of campus conversations.

We have officially unveiled the detailed DSP on the [Center for University Access and Inclusion's website](#). A revamped website for the Center for University Access and Inclusion will follow this summer. I encourage you to review the document and reach out to the [Diversity Fellows](#) and the [Diversity Commissions](#) for guidance in implementing your own diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

I encourage all members of our community to get vaccinated at the new state [COVID-19 vaccination site](#) at the NAU Fieldhouse, which opened on Monday and operates 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. The site offers the Pfizer vaccine, which is available to those age 16 and older.

NAU also continues to follow COVID-19 [safety protocols](#) for the health of our students, faculty, staff, and everyone in our extended communities.

As of this afternoon, we are managing 56 COVID-19 cases among students on and off campus, down from last week. Additional updates can be found on [NAU's coronavirus page](#).

I close wishing you great success during finals week. Be sure to take advantage of NAU resources and support—both academic and social—and also make time to take breaks, go outside, and enjoy the weather.

Wishing you the best.

Sincerely,