



NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 23, 2021

Dear Lumberjacks,

Thank you for your enthusiasm for the year ahead and all the opportunity it brings. I want to start our day with a [special welcome](#) to the first day of the Fall 2021 semester.



A community of care supports each and every one of our Lumberjacks. It is a culture deeply embedded in NAU's DNA. I see it everywhere—Lumberjacks getting vaccinated, tested, and masking up to protect each other's health. I see it from our faculty and staff who are dedicated to our students and to this university. I see it in our student leaders who strive to support and mentor others and be role models for the pursuit of learning and knowledge.

Amidst the ever-changing landscape around COVID-19, we are prepared to deliver the exceptional academic and personal experience that makes NAU unique. I can assure you that throughout the semester we will continue to follow the science and guidance of experts, adapting as necessary to deliver on our educational mission while promoting health and wellness for all.

I would love to see all of you in your NAU True Blue gear at the [President's Welcome Back Jacks BBQ](#) at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Central Quad. Come eat, socialize, and take a break between classes to celebrate the start of the semester.

Let's have a great first day!

Go Jacks!

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