



NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

# OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Lumberjacks,

I write to you today to celebrate the end of the semester and to thank you all for giving me an incredible first year as president of NAU. I'm so proud and inspired by the important work taking place at our university every day, fueled by our faculty, staff, students, and an engaged community of supporters near and far.

The fall semester was exciting, but the spring semester set the bar of success even higher with so many accomplishments and achievements. From the release of our strategic roadmap, **NAU 2025 – Elevating Excellence, transformative investments in our mission**, and ground-breaking changes to our **admissions** and pricing strategies that power **Access2Excellence**, to **people-first investments** in our NAU community, dominance by Lumberjack athletics, and the inspiring successes and **achievements of our students**. I can't even begin to name them all.

I planned to release a three-minute Top 10(ish) video to commemorate some of my favorite achievements of the spring. So much has happened that it ended up being a little over three minutes...OK, maybe more than just a little bit over. Sorry, but there is just too much good stuff! Click the image below and see for yourself.



Once again, congratulations to our graduates, and my sincere thanks to our amazing faculty and staff who have helped them reach this achievement. I cannot wait to see you in the Skydome to celebrate!

Please enjoy the best of summer—vacations; time with friends, family, and pets; a little rest and a lot of fun; and, of course, True Blue Fridays!

I look forward to being all together again in the fall as we continue to elevate excellence and realize the bold and boundless opportunities before us.

Go Jacks!



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