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Dear Student Affairs Team:

Hello everyone! Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Fall 2024 semester! You all are AWESOME!!! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to make MSU a wonderful place for our students to live and learn. The Welcome Weekend Activities have been FANTASTIC and I know that our students feel the LOVE of Bear Country! Great Job everyone!

There is, as always, a lot going on as the semester kicks off. Please note the following and plan to engage in whatever efforts are most relevant to you.

- **5 Things** has started back up so watch your email each week for these important notices that are sent to everyone in the Division of Student Affairs (and some of our friends) each Monday. The **5 Things** are also archived in our SA Blog at <https://blogs.missouristate.edu/studentaffairs/>.
- The **Division of Student Affairs All-Staff Meeting** should already be on your calendar for Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am in the PSU Theater. This meeting will include meeting with our new President, Dr. Richard “Biff” Williams, hosting the DOSA Awards Ceremony, and committee meetings. I am looking forward to seeing you there!
- We have a new webpage... **Making the Most of your DOSA Staff Experience:** <https://studentaffairs.missouristate.edu/staff-resources.htm> Check it out! Thanks to Dr. Nina for this idea!
- Please help us spread the word, applications for the **Student Advisory Board** are out and due by September 10<sup>th</sup>. As you probably know, this group of students meets regularly with me to provide feedback, ideas, and suggestions related to the student experience here at MSU. Please feel free to share the application with students who might be interested in this experience <https://studentaffairs.missouristate.edu/Files/2024-2025-StudentAdvisoryBoard-application.pdf>.
- MSU offers an **Employee Assistance Programs (EAP)** which is a free, confidential service to help you and your immediate family members with a wide range of problems. It is available 24/7. The EAP is administered by MERCY EAP and UNUM. Check out the Human Resources website with information about these programs: <https://www.missouristate.edu/Human/employee-assistance-program.htm>.
- **Weeks of Welcome** continue to provide students with opportunities to engage with each other and with campus. <https://www.missouristate.edu/Welcome/MSUbelong.htm>. Thank you all for your continued work on helping students transition to being a BEAR and finding their sense of belonging in our campus community!

Again, thank you all for your excellent work in the Division of Student Affairs. Go BEARS!

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