

*Update for faculty, staff, students
November 25, 2020*

Thanksgiving greetings

Best wishes for a very happy Thanksgiving. I hope you and your loved ones will enjoy a meaningful celebration of the many gifts that are ours. While the holiday may look different from what we have come to know, it seems that our reasons to be thankful may be greater than ever before.

I believe that the pandemic has caused us to pause and take note of the little things that mean so much to us, but that we may have previously taken for granted. Whether you're counting blessings that are big or small, please take some time to relax, enjoy the day, and reflect on those things that mean the most to you.

I truly appreciate the efforts of all Mayville State employees who work very hard every day, pandemic or not, to provide opportunities for students. Your commitment to delivering the Mayville State brand of personal service is commendable. You are helping to make the world a better place. Mayville State University faculty, staff, and students continue to unselfishly give of themselves as we all do our part to keep one another safe and healthy while we navigate the uncharted territory known as the coronavirus pandemic.

Students ... NDSWAPS biannual Survey closes today!

Students, please check your email for a message regarding the NDSWAPS. This biannual survey helps Student Affairs and other offices plan and program around certain topics, including alcohol and drug education, counseling and mental health needs, and information about harm and self-harm concerns. It takes about twenty minutes to complete. As a thank you for completing the survey, you'll receive a coupon for free ice cream from the dining center.

Friday, November 27

Mayville State University will be open for business on Friday, Nov. 27. This is a day when many staff choose to take vacation time, so it may be a little quieter than usual on campus. Classes will not meet on that day. The campus mailroom will be closed on Friday.

Comets Choose option begins Monday, November 30

Please be reminded that the Comets Choose option will begin Monday, Nov. 30. Individual Mayville State students who have been studying on campus are being given the flexibility to determine whether they wish to continue to attend classes in person on campus or to participate online for the remainder of the fall semester.

Whether you choose to study from your home or attend your classes in person on campus following the Thanksgiving break, we wish you the best for the remainder of the fall semester. We look forward to having everyone back together for the spring semester. All on-campus course delivery and full on-campus operations for all students, faculty, and staff will return by the start of the spring semester on Jan. 11, 2021.

COVID-19 testing opportunities

Mayville State will be providing free rides to Grand Forks for students, faculty, and staff who wish to participate in COVID-19 testing events there on December 1, 8, and 15. The vehicle will leave the Old Main parking lot at 8:30 a.m. on each of these dates. RSVP at https://mayvillestate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9LksRUOPQpTdSrH by 3:30 p.m. on the Monday before the testing event.

Stay safe.

Remember to wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands often, get tested for COVID-19, monitor for symptoms, and stay home if you are not feeling well. These practices are extremely important in helping to control the spread of the coronavirus.

Be kind. Let others see your attitude of gratitude. Be safe and be healthy.

I am thankful for our Mayville State family. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Sincerely,

Brian Van Horn, President
Mayville State University