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**[FacultyStaff] Message from President Stephen H. Kolison, Jr., September 6, 2024**

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Dear Students,

Happy Friday evening!

I hope that the positive energy on campus these first two weeks has set a great tone for the rest of the semester. It has been wonderful to see so many of you back on campus and diving into your studies and student activities.

I wanted to take a moment to highlight some of the exciting activities that I have had the pleasure of recently attending on campus.

**International Students Welcome**

We had a warm welcome for our new international students. This year, we had 36 new international students coming from 11 countries: Albania, Burma, Cambodia, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Japan, Germany, Greece, India, Malaysia, South Africa, and the United Kingdom. Again, welcome to all our international students!

**Advancing Completion through Engagement (ACE)**

I had the opportunity to welcome the new ACE students and their parents to Fredonia at the King Concert Hall. About 150 students participate in the ACE program at Fredonia. Fredonia is among 25 SUNY institutions that offer the ACE/ASAP opportunity to its students.

**The Clock Tower Welcome**

I have to say that the Clock Tower Welcome was a lot of fun! I had a great time and I hope it was fun for you as well. Many thanks to all our new students who were able to participate in that Fredonia tradition. I hope when you remember SUNY Fredonia and the Clock Tower Welcome many years from now, after you have graduated from Fredonia and you are out in the world doing wonderful things, it would bring a smile to your face and you would not be able to resist the urge to say "Go Blue Devils."

Thanks to everyone who helped to organize the event. To the DJ, I give your music list an A!



### **Activities Night**

There was a tremendous amount of energy at Activities Night, and I enjoyed myself as I spoke with many students about their clubs and the programs that they are planning. Students, thank you all for such a successful event. I want to thank everyone who helped to plan the event, the various clubs represented, the businesses that attended to recruit students for internships and future employment, and all the attendees. I hope every student who attended signed up for at least one club. All of these things help to enrich the learning experience at Fredonia.





*Above, photos of Fall 2024 Activities Night and President Kolison with members of the Fredonia Percussion Guild.*

**Freedom of Speech and Expression**

I would like to remind students about Fredonia's policies regarding freedom of speech and expression. The policies and [information available on our website](#) underscore the university's commitment to upholding First Amendment rights. It promotes an inclusive campus environment where open dialogue and diverse perspectives are encouraged and respected. The information highlights the importance of fostering a respectful discourse, ensuring that all members of the university community can freely, responsibly and safely express their ideas while engaging in constructive conversations; all the while ensuring our learning environment continues uninterrupted.

## Move In Crew

Let me conclude this update with a shout out to the move in crew! Move in crew, thank you for your kind hospitality and helping our new students and their families feel welcome to our campus.



As we move forward into the semester, I am excited to see all the amazing things that you will accomplish. Remember, your voice and ideas are important, and I am here to support you every step of the way.

Gave a great weekend!

Very truly yours,

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President and Professor

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