
[FacultyStaff] Message to Students from Stephen H. Kolison, Jr., December 19, 2024

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Students,

Happy Thursday evening!

It is incredible how quickly we have come to the end of the semester and the end of the calendar year. It is my hope that your semester and your year have gone well.

Please allow me a few moments of your time to connect and share a few things with you as we wrap up the semester.

This semester, I had the opportunity to attend some fantastic student activities and programs. I enjoyed my time being at each of these activities. Among them recently were the production of *Legally Blonde* and *The Book Women*. Outstanding! I want to congratulate all the participants in these productions for a job well done. I am always pleased and impressed to see the talent on our campus. I look forward to other student performances and activities in the coming spring semester. Let me thank the faculty and staff who work with all our students to succeed at these activities.



President Kolison and the cast of *Legally Blonde*



President Kolison and the cast of *The Book Women*



I want to send a shout-out to all of our athletic teams for always representing our campus well. You always give it your best and that is remarkable. Thank you, coaches, for the work you do with our students. Also, let me express a special thanks to the Hockey Team and Coach Meredith, who recently hosted an alumni weekend and hockey game that attracted NBA superstar Charles Barkley. It was wonderful that Mr. Barkley spent so much time on our

campus and in our Village to interact with community members.

Students, I know that the last few weeks have been challenging, especially with the heavy snowfall that necessitated the cancellation of three days of class. Thanks for hanging in there. I am pleased that we have many dedicated and hard-working people who endeavored behind the scenes to help make sure that the campus was safe and classes could resume. Please join me in offering thanks to the Facilities Team at SUNY Fredonia, which includes the grounds, automotive, carpentry, electrical, and custodial services staff. There are many others behind the scenes who were working hard and keeping communications flowing and making sure resources were available. In particular, Governor Hochul provided her support in declaring a state of emergency, as well as our partners at SUNY for providing additional resources and staff, including the Department of Transportation team from Batavia, New York. My gratitude extends to the various campus leaders who ensured our response to the heavy snowfall was prompt, well-organized, and effective, keeping our campus safe.



On a personal note, my son Stephen III was visiting for Thanksgiving, and we had a good time together digging his car out of the snow so he could return to Michigan. I am sure many of you can relate to an experience like that.



As we look ahead to the next semester, I hope you were able to register for Spring 2025 classes. I want to remind you that if you haven't registered for the spring yet and need assistance to do so, please let us know. We consider each of you a vital part of our campus community, and we hope you'll return to continue your studies. If you're facing any challenges that are preventing you

from registering, please reach out to us. Our staff is here to offer personal assistance. You can contact Academic Advising at 716-673-3188 or email advising@fredonia.edu. Additionally, you can schedule an appointment online using this link: [Schedule an Appointment with an Advisor](#).

We understand that the end of the semester is a busy time with finals and other matters. Please don't leave for the break without giving us the chance to help you with any issues that might be hindering you from returning for the spring semester.

When we return, we will host our second annual celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This celebration will include several presentations, performances, a day of service, and a keynote speaker. We will have visits from several alumni who will return to campus to help us celebrate this time. I want to encourage you to make time and take advantage of all the many programs throughout the week of January 27-31, 2025, and you can [find details online here](#). I want to thank the members of the Presidential Commission for the celebration, here at SUNY Fredonia, of the life and legacy of Dr. King. They have worked hard to make these events possible.

Students, be safe as you travel over the break, and I wish everyone an enjoyable holiday. I look forward to seeing you in January. Happy New Year!
Very truly yours,

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