

Dear members of the Class of 2027,

I have so enjoyed meeting you these past few weeks. I hope you are enjoying classes; are continuing to make connections with your support team of peers, staff, and faculty members; and are beginning to build your MBU experience that is more than just a “peanut butter and jelly sandwich.”

I also want to explain some work we are doing to modernize our campus offerings and to prepare you for an email coming later this week. Recently, senior Charlotte Bradley emailed saying she thought we needed to do a better job integrating the liberal arts with technology and skills that prepare students for post-graduation success in the workforce.

Over the last year, prior to your and my arrival at MBU, the campus has been working toward Charlotte’s point by thinking about ways to evolve academic programs, better meet student needs, and adapt to the changing world of work. Later this week, all students, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents will hear from me about how MBU will:

- Modernize our academic program offerings by adding new majors as well as discontinuing and reconceptualizing some majors,
- Build new engaged learning experiences outside the classroom,
- Enhance academic advising, and
- Increase career coaching through the newly launched McCree Center for Life Success.

Before that communication goes out, I want you to know that we will work hard to make certain you are prepared long into the future and that, regardless of program decisions, we will ensure you will complete your degree at MBU in your chosen major.

Above all, we remain **ALL IN** for student success. Please keep stopping me on the sidewalk and in Hunt to say hello and tell me what’s working for you at MBU. Good luck this semester!

All in for Mary Baldwin,

Dr. Jeff Stein
President