

Dear Campus Community,

Welcome back to campus!

Something I would like you to put on your calendar as we swing back into action on campus is the inaugural Democracy Summit on Wednesday, March 27. A collaboration with UM's Co-Lab for Civic Imagination, the day's schedule is linked below.

<https://www.umt.edu/strategy/democracysummit/schedule.php>

We have a wide range of sessions, from workshops to public conversations, all hosted and led by students, staff, faculty and off campus guests. Join Missoula County Commissioner Josh Slotnick in conversation with Missoula's Mayor Andrea Davis; join a session led by GLI students and design what you think democracy education on campus should look like; join a conversation about Indigenous Governance and its relationship to American democracy. Stop by the Mansfield Library Learning Commons for conversation and refreshments from 10am-2pm. I'll be joining ASUM President Maggie Bell for a listening session where we hope to engage students in a conversation about UM's Academic future. And, there's lots more, all across campus.

To give you a sense of how the day has been shaped and considered, please find the linked Democracy Summit Values webpage.

Students, please make time to participate if and how you can.

Faculty, please do whatever you can to encourage and support student participation. And please join yourself if you can- your colleagues are hosting incredibly interesting sessions all day.

I hope to see you on Wednesday!

Warmly,

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