Dear UM students and colleagues,

In response to feedback received from students and their families, UM will host a Fall Commencement event Saturday, Dec. 15. The decision to hold a fall commencement event is an example of how UM is putting students at the center of all that we do. When I first arrived on campus this summer, I noted that the University of Montana was on the rise. Listening to feedback and striving to improve the student experience is evidence of our commitment to students and their families.

Fall Commencement will start at 9 a.m. and take place in the University Center Ballroom. It will be a much smaller, more intimate and less formal event than the traditional Spring Commencement. It will be an opportunity for us to celebrate students who are not able to attend the spring event. The ceremony will include a procession of graduates, a keynote speech, the reading of graduates’ names and the hooding of all doctoral candidates by their advisors.

Given the size of the venue, we will implement a ticketing system to limit the number of guests per graduate. However, there will be overflow seating in the UC Theater where guests can watch a livestream of the event in comfort.

This Fall Commencement ceremony may become a recurring event for the University. The Office of the Registrar will reach out after the event to collect feedback from participants.

If you have questions about Fall Commencement, please visit the Commencement website or contact Rebecca Power in the Office of the Registrar: rebecca.power@mso.umt.edu.

Additional details about Fall Commencement, including the link for students to order regalia and the ticketing system, will be available soon on the Commencement website.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Jon Harbor, Provost

This message was sent to all UM students, administrators, faculty, staff, and affiliates.