

# Message from President Stephen H. Kolison, Jr., Jan. 27, 2022

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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Fredonia community:

Happy Thursday evening. I hope the spring semester is off to a fantastic start for everyone! I have a few updates for you this evening.

### **Snow Galore**

This is my second winter here at Fredonia and I have to say that this week has been impressive in terms of the amount of snow we have received. Let me share with you the view from my office window two days ago (below).



I have watched students, faculty and staff go about their day as though it was just another day in Fredonia. Even for someone like me who previously spent six years in Iowa and nine years in Wisconsin, I have to admit that the snowfall this week captured my attention seriously.

To our campus ground crew, thank you for everything you are doing to keep up with the snowfall. I know you have been arriving on campus very early in the morning to clear the snow before the official start of the day. By the way, I like that snowplow (pictured below). It is impressive and reassuring.



### **Our COVID-19 Posture**

Our posture for COVID-19 remains robust with the goal of ensuring that our campus stays safe and we can maintain in-person instruction and extracurricular activities throughout the entire Spring semester as we did during the past Fall semester. I know there is exhaustion regarding COVID-19. However, it remains a significant health threat; hence we must remain vigilant. Thank you for your support and cooperation with all our safety procedures. If you or your area is planning an event that would bring a large group of people together indoors, please check this website for the most current guidance.

### **Vaccination Clinic Friday**

Students, as you know, all students who are eligible are required to boost. To facilitate this, we have arranged with the Chautauqua County Health Department to administer a COVID-19 vaccination/booster clinic in Steele Hall on Friday January 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, or you can schedule an appointment. Faculty and staff, if you have been considering getting vaccinated or boosted against COVID-19, this is an opportunity for you also. Please register for an appointment using the links in the announcement section of My.fredonia.edu.

### **Community COVID-19 Testing Site in Jewett Hall**

As you may have heard, SUNY Fredonia is one of several SUNY campuses hosting a COVID-19 community test site. The Fredonia location in Jewett Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. People from the community will be visiting campus to use this service. It is also available to students. However, students are encouraged to use our regular pool testing available on Monday and Tuesday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Steel Hall. Parking Lot 13 (the Jewett Hall lot) is closed to students and employees so it can be used for public parking for COVID-19 testing.

### New Name for Campus Bus

I informed you in December that the campus safety bus would be reinstated and be back in operation this spring semester after being discontinued several years ago. I asked for suggestions for naming the bus. Several good suggestions were received, and we wanted to give the campus the chance to be heard. The four "finalists" from the names that were suggested are presented in the following link: You can vote for your favorite name by clicking here. We would like to remind everyone that the bus will run every night from 9:30 p.m. until 2:30 a.m., and will provide an additional level of safety to a campus that is already very safe.

Everyone, please stay warm. I wish you a successful and enjoyable spring semester. I will be in touch again next Thursday.

Very truly yours,

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