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Dear SUNY Fredonia Community,

Happy Thursday! I hope the first five weeks of the Spring semester have gone well for each of you. As always, it is a wonderful feeling when I have the chance to connect with you through these updates. Today, I have a few things that I want to share with you.

Lanford Presidential Prize

I am very pleased to announce that this year's Lanford Presidential Prize awardee is Ms. Alyssa M. Bump. As you know, this is very special given that this is the highest distinction that is granted to a graduating senior at SUNY Fredonia. The requirements for selection are rigorous and the recipient exemplifies excellence in and out of the classroom.



Ms. Bump is majoring in Communications - Journalism and Communications - Public Relations with a minor in English. She is from Cuba, NY and graduated from Cuba-Rushford High School. Since enrolling at SUNY Fredonia in fall 2019, she has maintained an excellent academic record and has been highly engaged in the campus community and our region. Since 2021, she has served in multiple roles as part of the staff of The Leader, where she currently serves as Design Editor and Chief Copy Editor. In addition, she has been serving as a student ambassador since fall of 2021. Ms. Bump is also a member of the President's Student Cabinet where she advocates for student life at SUNY Fredonia. We will honor her for her accomplishments at the commencement ceremony in May 2023. Please join me in extending congratulations to Ms. Alyssa Bump.

Pink the Rink

Student athletes, thank you for all you do to make us proud. Please know that your efforts are appreciated. To the coaches and the athletic staff, thank you for all your endeavors on behalf of our student athletes and the University. Special congratulations to Coach Jeff Meredith and the Fredonia Hockey teams, past and present, for hosting Pink the Rink. As you know, the Pink the Rink Hockey match raises funds to benefit the American Cancer Society. This fundraising effort reached a milestone on February 4th for raising \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society. I want to give a shout out to Fredonia goalie Charles-Anthony Barbeau for wearing the # 33 jersey that bore the name "Kolison" on the back.



Welcome to New Leadership

Allow me to use this opportunity to welcome new President's Cabinet colleagues to the university. Dr. Michel Kouadio joined us as Chief Information Officer on February 15, 2023. Mr. Michael Kelly will join us on February 27, 2023 as Vice President for Finance and Administration, and Ms. Karen Rohr will join us on March 6, 2023 as Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director for the Fredonia College Foundation. Please join me in welcoming them to SUNY Fredonia.

Super Bowl Watch Party

I want to thank everyone that was able to join Valeria and me at the Super Bowl Watch Party! It was an enjoyable get-together. Many thanks to FSA for the great food, and Campus Life, Alumni Affairs, and the President's Office for planning the event. I was very pleased to see many students, faculty, and staff come out and have a great evening together. As I indicated, the goal of the watch party was to help build community. If you were not able to join us at this watch party, that is fine as there will be another opportunity next year. Yes, you may pencil in February 11, 2024 for the second annual SUNY Fredonia Super Bowl Watch Party. My hope is that we will be cheering for the Bills.



New Chancellor for SUNY System to Visit

Our new Chancellor, [Dr. John B. King, Jr.](#), was initially planning to visit Fredonia's campus on February 13. That date has now been changed to March 6. He is looking forward to visiting our campus and interacting with students, faculty, and staff.

I look forward to connecting with you again soon. All the best to you in all your endeavors.

Very truly yours,

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