



Nebraska State College System

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Dear Faculty and Staff,

Over the past two months, we have all been faced with a number of unforeseen challenges. I have been so impressed by how each of you has navigated these difficult circumstances. With a successful Spring semester behind us, it is time to look forward to the Fall semester and what the next academic year will look like.

The System has made several vital decisions about the 2020 Fall Academic Calendar. Chadron State, Peru State, and Wayne State Colleges will welcome students back to campus one week earlier for the 2020 fall semester and end the semester before Thanksgiving. The revised schedule is:

- First day of classes: Aug. 17.
- Removing Mid-Term Break.
- Last day of classes: Nov. 20.
- Final exams: Nov. 23-25.
- Commencement to be determined later based on public health directives.

Each of the State Colleges is working through the details of this plan for their individual institutions. Your College will continue to communicate with you as more details become available. This new calendar will allow students to complete the fall term early, giving them the opportunity to take additional courses during a new three-week December term, complete an internship, return home and/or work until the start of the spring semester. Anticipated dates for the December Term are Nov. 30 – Dec. 18.

In reaching the decision, the College leadership and I were guided by our commitment to the safety of all students, faculty, staff and their families; and in providing a high-quality, affordable undergraduate education that is accessible to all Nebraskans while being a thoughtful and valuable partner to the rural communities we serve. The Nebraska State Colleges will continue to work with state and local officials to limit the spread of coronavirus and develop safety measures.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Nebraska State Colleges. We hope this message will give you some clarity about the Fall Semester. I am confident that we will rise to the challenge and find new and innovative ways to provide our students with an exceptional educational experience.

Sincerely,

Paul Turman
Chancellor