

Board of Regents Update | February 16, 2018

Good Morning Colleagues:

It's hard to imagine it has been two months since our last meeting with the University of Michigan [Board of Regents](#).

I've just returned from a few days spent at the [Michigan Seminars](#) in Florida. In conjunction with this event, I had the pleasure to host and meet with over 20 alumni and friends of the university at a reception put on by University Advancement. The event was a great opportunity to hear from some of our alums and share with them the work of our faculty and staff and the progress we've made together on campus.

Yesterday, I was able to share some recent highlights from our work on campus with the Regents at their February meeting.

I highlighted our commitment to academic excellence, and how the flexibility of our programs allow us to be more accessible to students across our region.

That commitment led us to be [recognized](#) once again by *U.S. News & World Report* for excellence in online education in the areas of nursing and education.

We offer an online Doctor of Nursing Program (DNP) and an online Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). This semester, in partnership with the Education Department within the School of Education & Human Services, the School of Nursing launched a Nurse Educator concentration within the MSN program.

And our School of Education and Human Services offers seven other online or mixed mode options, including our Doctor of Education Ed.D. and MA in Mathematics Education for Elementary & Early Childhood Educators. Thanks to our schools and college, the Deans, faculty, and the [Office of Extended Learning](#) who continue to work hard in order to make these [online programs](#) available and our Michigan education accessible to more students.

In addition to advancing our commitment to improving student achievement and success, we've also continued to explore new and exciting ways to bring our knowledge and resources to our surrounding community.

As a vital partner with an engaged community, I'm pleased to say that our UM-Flint faculty, staff, and students continue to give back in so many ways.

- Our [College of Arts and Sciences](#) faculty will lead a series of presentations this spring as part of our university's sponsorship of the [Be the Astronaut](#) exhibit at the [Sloan Museum](#), where we will highlight the university's expertise related to astronomy and related sciences. This unique community partnership gives us the opportunity to leverage our STEM faculty expertise to give visitors an added dimension of learning and insight into subjects related to astronomy and space exploration.
- Almost 200 volunteers [participated](#) in our "[More than a Day](#)" celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Day. We began the day with an inspiring breakfast event attended by students, staff, faculty, and community partners. We then departed to work with 12 area nonprofits providing volunteer assistance, including Habitat for Humanity, the Boys and Girls Club, United Way, and Carriage Town Ministries.
- And our [efforts around the holidays](#) included toy drives, a "head-to-toe" drive for hats, scarves, gloves, and socks, and so much more.

The efforts of our faculty, staff, and students continue to impact our community and help us achieve the strategic goals we've set to ensure our place among the best universities in the state and our region. Thanks to all of you for your support and continued dedication to our community.

I also wanted to let you know that Domenico Grasso has been appointed at the new chancellor at [UM-Dearborn](#). Dr. Grasso will begin August 1st and I look forward to working with him.

These are just a few highlights from yesterday's meeting. I invite you to view the full board agenda [here](#).

Thank you all, and Go Blue!

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