# State of the University Address

Clif Smart, President

September 23, 2020



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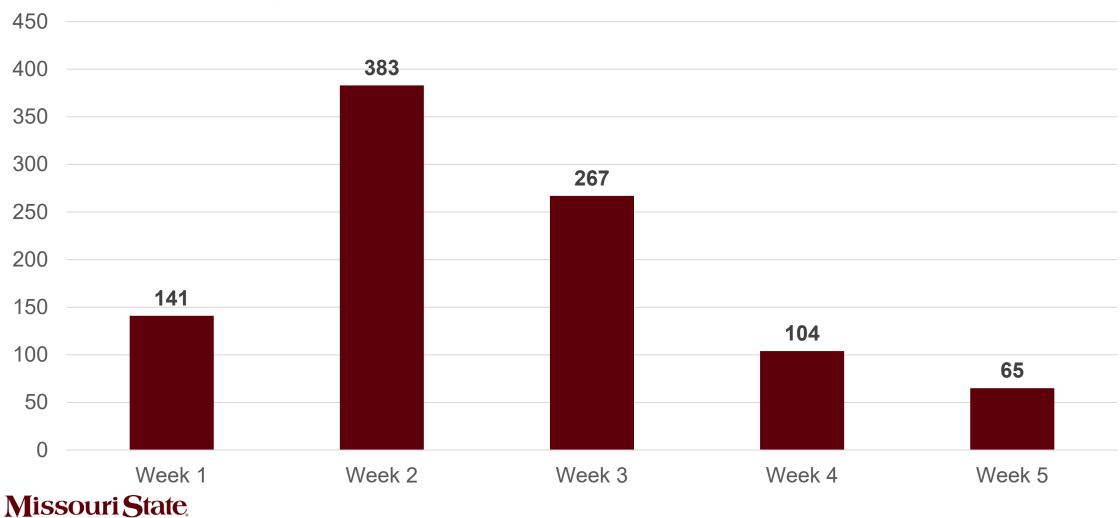
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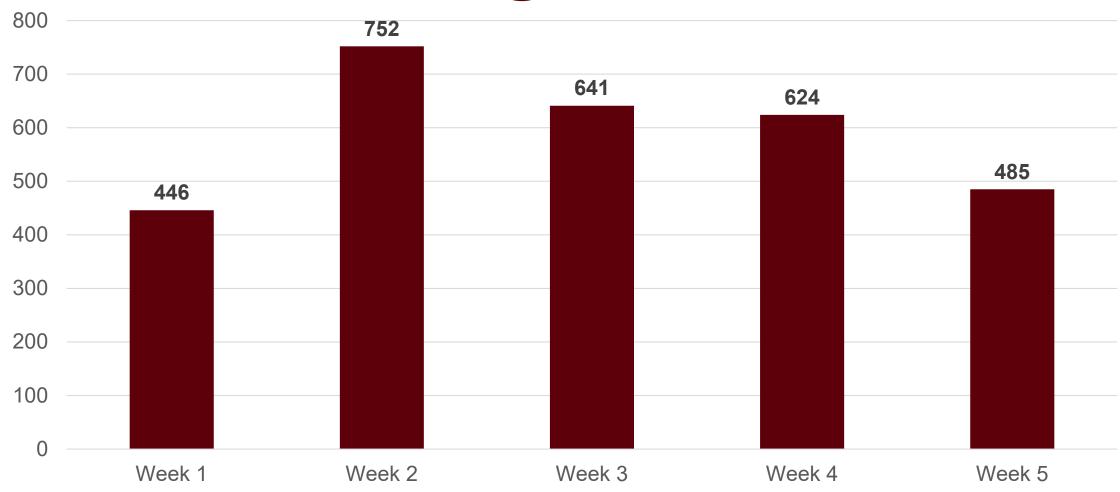


#### **COVID-19 Cases**

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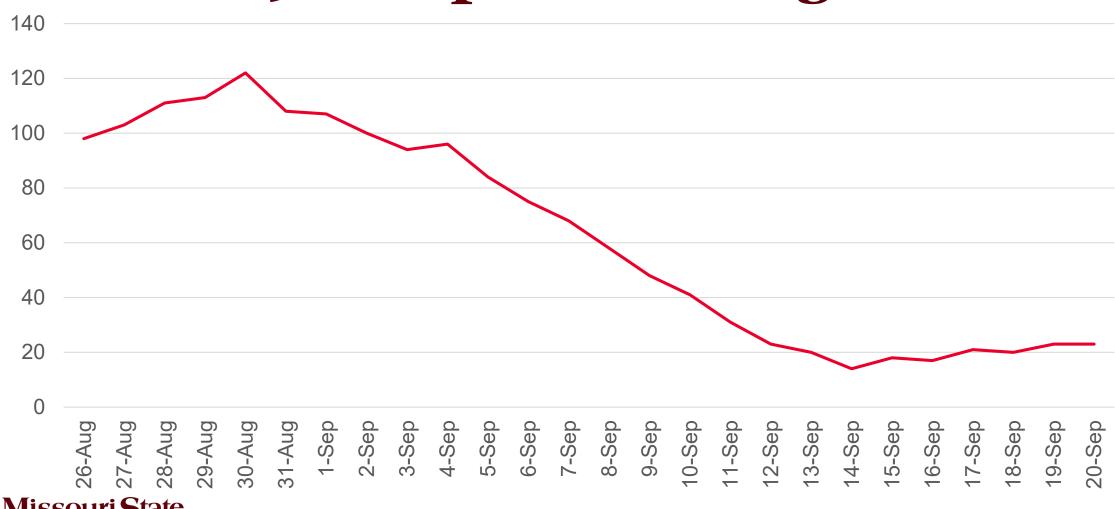


### **COVID-19 Testing**



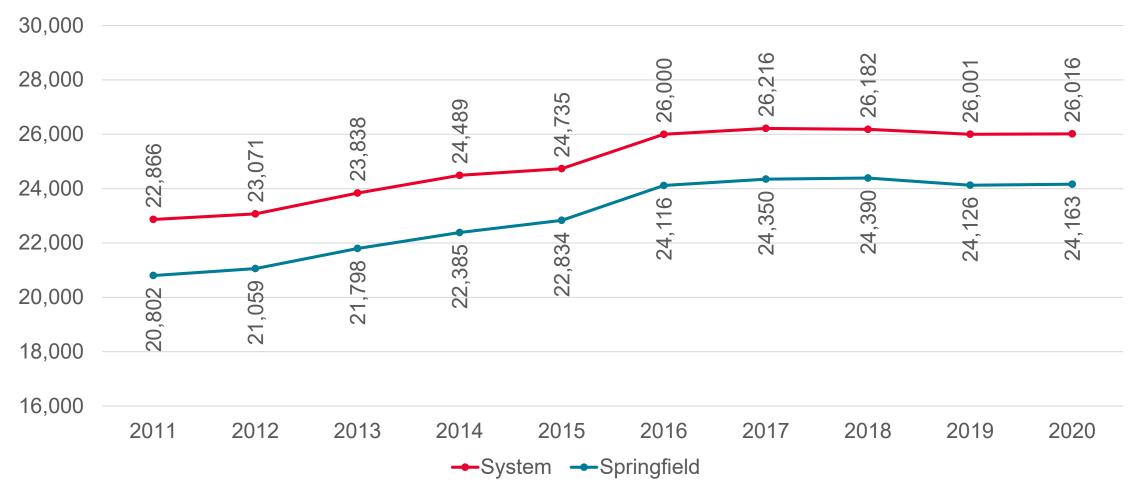


### **COVID-19 Campus Housing**



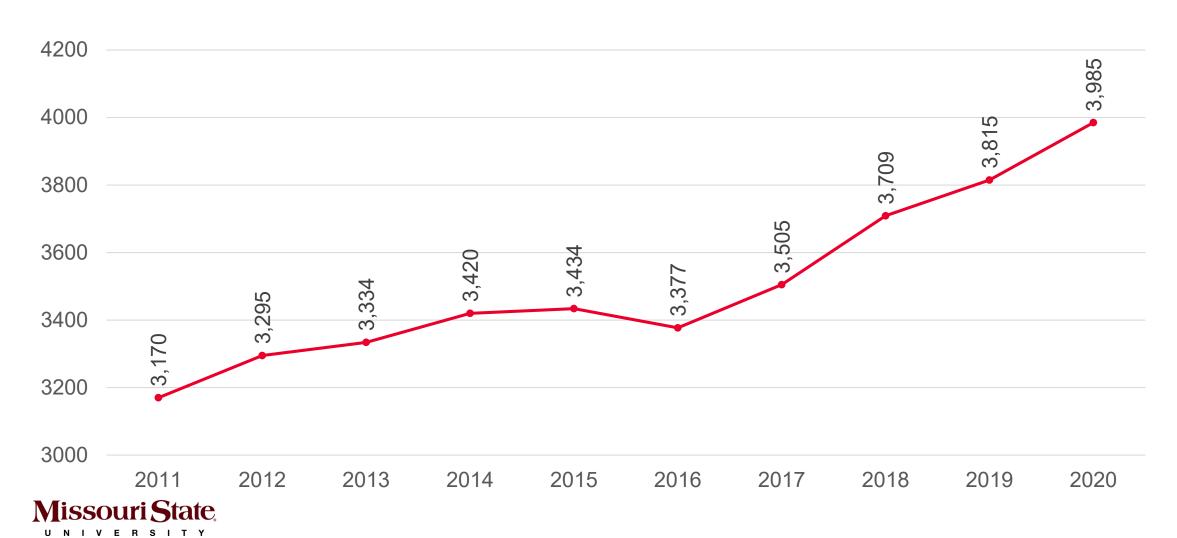


#### **Enrollment**





#### **Graduate Enrollment**



### First to second year retention rate

F13 to F14	F14 to F15	F15 to F16	F16 to F17	F17 to F18	F18 to F19	F19 to F20
75%	78%	79%	77%	78%	78%	79%

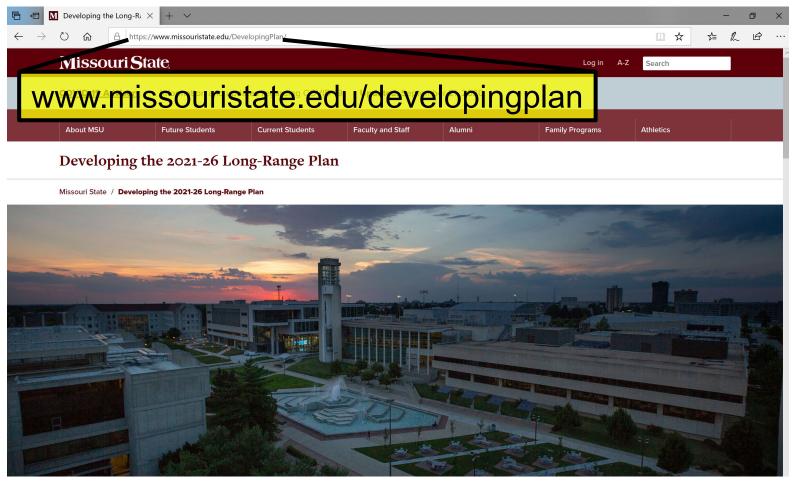


#### **Most Credentials Ever**

	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Degrees awarded	4,306	4,359	4,635	4,724	5,020	5,104
Certificates awarded	173	282	301	462	470	591
Total	4,479	4,641	4,936	5,186	5,490	5,695



#### 2021 – 2026 Long Range Plan



Future Visioning
Long-Range Plan
Webinar

Monday, Sept. 28 1 – 2 p.m.

Join via Zoom link on webpage



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### Plan to Make a Difference

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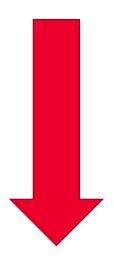


#### The COVID-Influenced Academic Environment

#### **OBSERVATIONS**



Reaffirmation of the importance of higher education



Flexibility in the learning environment



Great
collaborative spirit:
Faculty, students
and staff

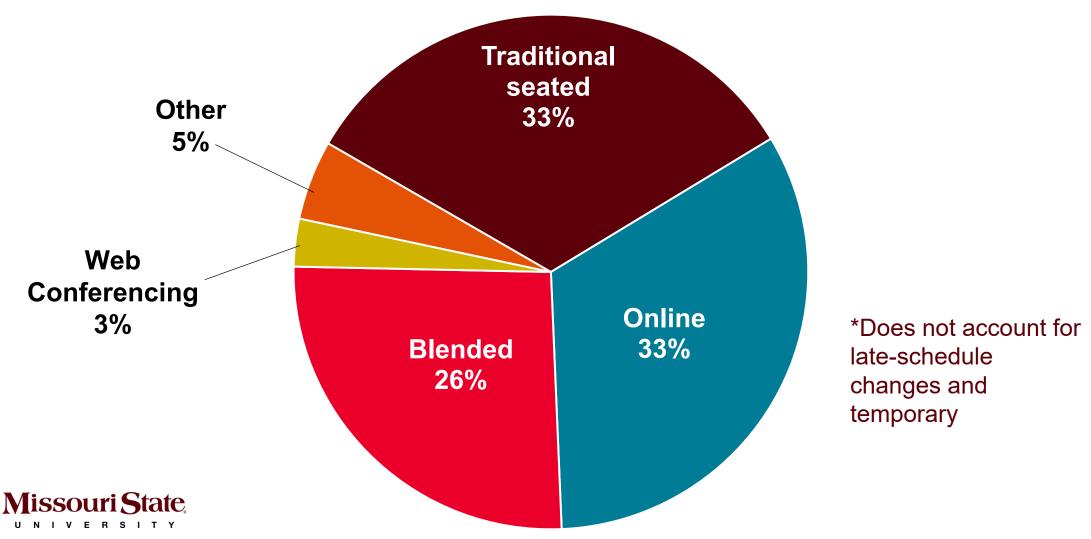


#### **Adaption from Disruption**

- Expanded use of technology in teaching
- Creative, engaged learning environments
- Test optional admission policies: ACT, SAT, GRE
- User-friendly student advising format (Zoom)
- Recruitment by way of virtual campus tours
- Virtual research forums, graduations, teaching and learning showcase, career fairs



### Snapshot of Mid-Sept. Credit Hours\*



### **Spring Semester Planning**

#### **HOW DO WE PROCEED?**

- Class Modality: Schedule class offerings that balance the format (traditional seated, blended, online and web conferencing) with other demands, such as program needs and student desires
- Professional Development: Provide faculty opportunities to explore and integrate new instructional approaches
- Flexibility: Plan for agility in offering each class



#### **Professional Development for Teaching**

CHALLENGE OF ELECTRONIC DELIVERY: FACULTY-STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

### Faculty Center for Teaching & Learning

- Boot Camps for online courses
- Tutorial, self-paced modules
- Online peer mentors
- Personal assistant upon request

Showcase and direct colleague mentoring

### Curricular Innovation Internal Grants

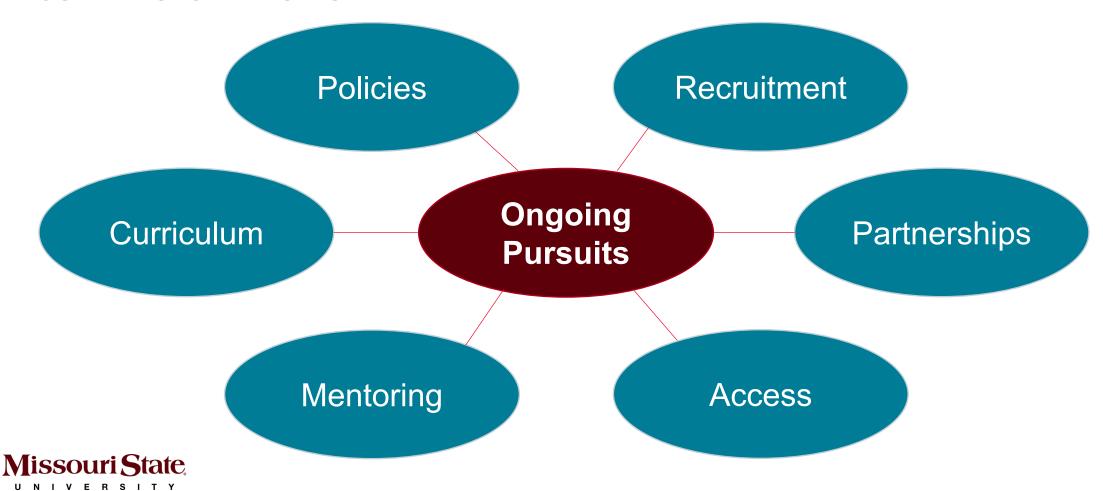
- High impact practices
- Inclusive teaching practices
- Mini-grants for special instructional needs

MAGNA courses and resources



#### Campus Culture of Inclusion & Success

**FACULTY - STUDENTS - STAFF** 



### Building from Past Success: Envisioning the Future



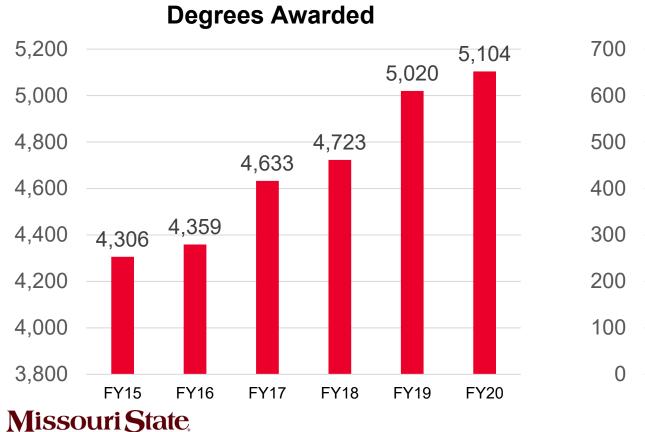
## **Higher Learning Commission Accreditation**

Success: 4-Year Assurance Review documentation and outcome Conclusion Highlights: Strong positive statements supporting

- The Public Affairs mission
- Appropriate degree programs, program review and assessment
- Goal setting, long-term planning, budget and accountability
- Next Challenge: Carry out a quality assurance project
- Immediate Action: Form an ongoing HLC monitoring committee



## Degrees and Certificates Awarded by Fiscal Year FY20 = 5,695



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#### **Certificates Awarded** 591 470 461 301 282 173 FY15 FY16 **FY17** FY18 **FY19** FY20

#### **MSU Academic Programs**

#### **Current Catalog**

- 98 Undergraduate majors; 175 options
- 66 Undergraduate certificates
- 65 Graduate degree programs;
   103 options
- 90 Graduate certificates

#### **Challenges and Questions**

- Increase visibility of certificates advisor promotion; marketing
- Expedite processes for students to add graduate certificates
- Where would consolidation of options be helpful?



#### Innovation and Vision in Action

- Partnership: College of Agriculture Develops 3 + 1 pathway for poultry science with the University of Arkansas
- Community Service: Center for Resource Planning and Management hits peak demand in contracts and grant work with regional communities
- Curriculum Realignment: Information Technology restructured the UG Major to three tracks using employer/Advisory Board input
- Expanded Delivery Models: College of Education increased programs and experiences in schools. Fall 2020 enrollment exceeds 2019!



#### Innovation and Vision in Action

- Professional Doctorate: Doctorate of Defense and Strategic Studies gained approval and accepted first class
- Terminal Degree: MFA in Dramatic Writing enrolled sixteen
- Degree Adjustments: M.A. in History modified several barriers, focused on their market needs and is at peak capacity
- Course Delivery: Master of Social Work moved online and doubled enrollment this fall
- Breaking Barriers: Graduate enrollment flirts with 4,000



#### **Future of Professional Doctorates at MSU**

#### **PLAN INITIATED IN 2019**

- Doctorate of Defense and Strategic Studies next step is expansion
- Occupational Therapy Doctorate a post-professional program proposal now in the curricular approval process
- Longer term:
  - Another program from the McQueary College of Health and Human Service
  - Discussion of an Education program



## Task Force on Future Academic Directions

GOAL: ENVISION ACADEMIC PATHWAYS THAT WILL ENABLE STUDENTS TO HAVE SUCCESSFUL CAREERS AND LIVES

#### **Process**

Seek campus input on opportunities



**Explore Actions** 

Initiate

Revise

Rebrand

Infuse new dimensions



Guide

Long-Range Plan: 2021-26



#### FY20 Grant and Contract Activity

**RESEARCH – EDUCATION – SERVICE PROJECTS** 

Action	Number		
Faculty and Staff	103		
Proposals submitted	348		
Awards received	289		
Funding Received	\$29.7 Million		



#### Mind's Eye

- Research and Creativity
  - Vital for education
  - Part of the MSU story
- Lazlo Kovacs, Prof. of Biology is the current-year cover story
- 14 articles in 2020 edition
- Over 100 faculty featured in the past eight years

