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Fall 2026

HR-RELATED FUNCTIONS ASSESSMENT

- Mo State is working with Campus Works to conduct a comprehensive assessment of HR-related functions across the institution.
- ***Recommendations*** are expected in Spring 2027.

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YEAR ONE OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

- Check out the ***State of the University:*** missouristate.edu/President/
- The ***annual report*** can be found at: missouristate.edu/StrategicPlan/default.htm
- ***Thank you*** to all faculty, staff, students and community members involved in implementation efforts!

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LEADERSHIP HIRING/SEARCH UPDATES

- Welcome
  - Eric Schick, Chief Financial Officer
  - Mark Danes, VP - Marketing & Communications
  - Dr. Brandon Johnson, Associate Provost for Student Success
- Search Processes
  - VP - University Advancement – *underway, first interviews in mid-December*
  - COB dean – *underway, finalist interviews underway*
  - COE dean – *underway, first date of consideration is November 30*
  - Associate Provost for Faculty Success – *will launch in early 2027*

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MICROSOFT AUTHENTICATOR CHANGES

- Effective February 1, 2027
- Microsoft is no longer offering text or call options for multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- The preferred method is to use passkeys in the Microsoft Authenticator app. Alternatively, you can request a security token from informationsecurity@missouristate.edu.

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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 9, 7:00PM	ROCKSTAR
NOVEMBER 11, 8:00-11:30AM	VETERAN'S DAY BREAKFAST
NOVEMBER 11, 11:11AM	TAPS PROJECT
NOVEMBER 11, 2:00PM	SMART ADVANCEMENT CENTER RIBBON CUTTING
NOVEMBER 11, 7:30PM	MO STATE LIVE CELEBRATIONS
NOVEMBER 12, 7:00PM	HEADPHONE DISCO
NOVEMBER 13, 4:00PM	WALL OF FAME
NOVEMBER 14, 9:00AM	HOMECOMING PARADE
NOVEMBER 25-NOVEMBER 27	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BREAK
DECEMBER 11	WINTER COMMENCEMENT
DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 1	WINTER BREAK FOR EMPLOYEES
FEBRUARY 26, 2:00PM	SPRING TOWN HALL



SHOW YOUR MO STATE PRIDE AT BEAR NATION CELEBRATION!

Get ready for an unforgettable evening **Friday, Nov. 13** at the Bear Nation Celebration. This free Homecoming and University Advancement Center bash is packed with food, entertainment, exciting surprises and plenty of Missouri State pride for all ages.

The fun begins at 6 p.m.

Enjoy free Domino's pizza, Hurts Donuts, cotton candy, hot chocolate, Monster Energy drinks and Coca-Cola holiday products while a DJ keeps the party going.

Stop by the Mo State swag station

Pick up maroon bead necklaces, stickers, buttons, Boomer-themed swag and honey sticks. You can also search for "hidden Boomers" around the UAC! Dena the Balloon Lady will create her one-of-a-kind balloon art. The Missouri State Bookstore will host a special pop-up shop featuring exclusive, one-night-only apparel. Plus, don't miss your chance to purchase a special-edition Homecoming 2026 Build-A-Bear.

Around 7:30 p.m., the celebration takes center stage

Gather for a brief welcome, the announcement of the Homecoming Court and an exciting performance by the Pride Marching Band. The Sugar Bears will also bring their signature energy and Bear spirit to the night.

The grand finale: A spectacular show in the sky

The evening will culminate in Springfield's first-ever pyrodrone show and a fabulous fireworks display you won't want to miss.

No tickets. No cost. Just an unforgettable night of fun, festivities and Bear pride!


HOMECOMING
TAILGATE
ONE BIG TENT. ROOM FOR ALL BEARS.
Saturday, Nov. 14 | 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
BearFest Village
FREE FOOD,
MO STATE SWAG,
DENA THE BALLOON LADY,
FACE PAINTING, DJ
ALL COLLEGES IN ONE PLACE
WELCOME HOME
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