

Knowles Notes | A briefing from the desk of the Executive Assistant Senior to the Provost.

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It is difficult to believe that December and the end of the semester is upon us! I hope you have all registered to attend commencement and celebrate our students next weekend; our team is anxious to recognize the incredible achievements of nearly 1,700 graduates. For additional commencement details, please visit <https://wmich.edu/commencement>.

Here are some other updates:

- The President's Cabinet did not have a scheduled meeting this week. Members of the cabinet were, however, asked to reflect on recent experiences designed to immerse them in student life on campus.
- There was also not a regularly scheduled meeting of the Provost's Council this week. This provided council members the opportunity to attend the [Senior Design Conference](#) at the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, an annual event that showcases the capstone projects of graduating seniors.



- Provost Bott enjoyed her first [lunch invitation](#) by a student, faculty, or staff group on Tuesday. She met the Black Student Union executive board for lunch and was delighted to
- The Provost participated in two formal engagements this week to celebrate and encourage the exceptional work of our university staff: the [Make a Difference Awards](#) ceremony on Wednesday and the December [Gold Gathering](#) on Thursday.
- Vice Provost Cheatham attended the Faculty Senate meeting on the Provost's behalf and unveiled the recent revisions to the [Office of the Provost website](#). The changes are designed to increase transparency and positive engagement. The site continues to be a work in progress; the team would welcome your continued feedback and recommendations. Please submit your suggestions via the ["Have an idea?"](#) icon or by contacting Megan Way at megan.m.way@wmich.edu.
 - Other website changes include the [Appreciation Station](#), the opportunity to [Share Good News](#), and a form to [invite the Provost to have lunch](#) with you and your colleagues, friends, or team.

- Because our Provost never rests, she also has plans of spending her weekend welcoming [Medallion Scholarship](#) competitors and honoring students of color during the [Celebration of Excellence](#) event ceremony and reception hosted by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.