

# **NAU** faculty:

As we gear up for a new academic year, I'm so excited to share this calendar with you. It's more than just dates and events; it's a window into our students' lives.

This calendar will help you understand what our students may be dealing with—their stressors, distractions, and triumphs. By knowing their world, we can better support them.

### Inside, you'll find:

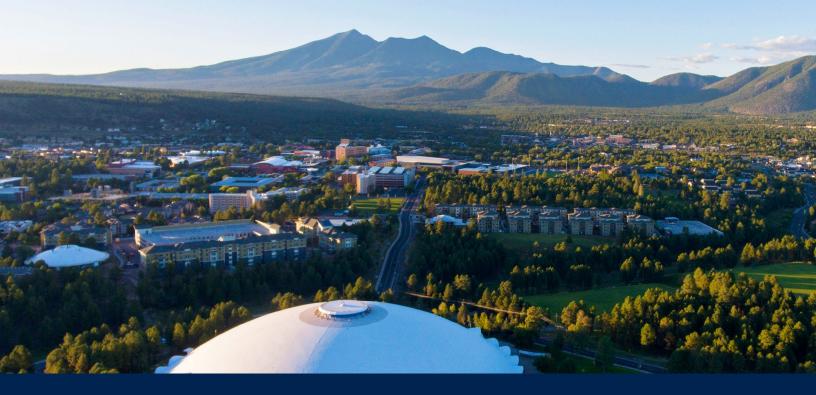
- Key dates: These include holidays, term start and end dates, finals week, and a few fun wild-card entries to keep things from being too staid.
- Quick wellness tips: Simple, in-the-moment tips to help students manage stress and stay healthy.
- Issues: Timely lists of things that might weigh on your students' minds.
- Resources: Information on accessing counseling services, study groups, and more.

Talk to your students and share information and links to any resources you think might help them maintain academic momentum. Keep your eye on your email inbox; on the first of each month, I'll send you an email that includes all of the links referenced here for the coming month. That way, you can more easily share them with your students. We all play a crucial role in our students' success. Let's make this year exceptional!

Sincerely,



Margot Saltonstall
Vice President of Student Affairs



## **Land Acknowledgement**

Northern Arizona University sits at the base of the San Francisco Peaks, on homelands sacred to Native Americans throughout the region. We honor their past, present, and future generations, who have lived here for millennia and will forever call this place home.



# FORGING community

When our students feel connected to NAU and involved in the campus community, they are more likely to succeed academically, maintain positive mental health, and stick around to finish their degrees. If you have students who you feel might be struggling to find their place or people on campus, please consider encouraging them to explore some of these resources and opportunities from the Division of Student Affairs:

- The Office of Inclusion transforms the student experience through thoughtful events, spaces, and resources that foster and embrace alliances and community connections.
- Campus Recreation (nau.edu/rec)
   offers group fitness classes, outdoor
   adventures, and Lumberjack Late
   Nights extended recreation hours
   where students can stay active and
   make new friends.
- With more than 400 student clubs and organizations (nau.edu/clubs), there's truly something for everyone: hiking, religion, singing, dancing, astronomy, Disney, engineering, chess, gardening, you name it. Students are also encouraged to start their own organization if the group they're looking for doesn't already exist.
- More options are available through the Office of Leadership and Engagement (nau.edu/getinvolved) and on the NAU Events Calendar (nau.edu/events).

# Issues your students might be facing right now

- New time management challenges
- Adjusting to independence
- The need to make friends/loneliness

### **Quick wellness tip**

Take three long, slow, deep breaths.

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							First disbursement of scholarships and financial aid
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Fall tuition due First day for faculty Early move-in for approved groups	Early move-in	Move-in begins New Faculty Orientation			
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
)	Pluto Demoted Day #TeamPluto #HopeForPluto	First day of fall classes (for 16-week, 1st 5-week, and 1st 8-week sessions)					NAU football @ASU
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# BUILDING confidence

Tutoring and coaching can help guide our students through challenging concepts, provide targeted support, and boost their confidence. Please encourage students to schedule a session with the Academic Success Centers (nau.edu/asc) to find the support they need. Peer Academic Coaching is also a great option.

Some tips to share with your students:

- Identify your strengths and learn to apply them in challenging situations.
- Learn to thrive after "failure." Be compassionate with yourself, reflect on what you learn, and plan new approaches to your goal. "Remember that failure is not the opposite of success; it's part of success." – Unknown
- Surround yourself with supportive people to become the architect of your own success.
- Find balance in your academic responsibilities, social connections, work, and self-care routines by setting healthy boundaries and being realistic about where your focus is needed most.

# Issues your students might be facing right now

- Potential schedule adjustments
- Fear of asking for help
- Getting involved

### **Livewell Focus: Social**

- Make time to connect with friends and loved ones.
- Explore the NAU event calendar for events that peak your interest.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Labor Day (University closed)			Last day to drop courses without a "W"		NAU Football vs. Utah Tech Running of the Freshmen
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		Promotion and Tenure Packets Due				NAU Football @ Southern Utah
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Hispanic Heritage Month (through Oct 15)		Constitution Day		Family Weekend	Family Weekend  NAU Football vs. Incarnate Word
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Family Weekend	Autumnal Equinox	Sabbatical and Professional Project Reassignment (PPR) packets Due			Last day of 1st 5-week session	NAU Football @ Portland State
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	First day of 2nd 5-week session					
28	29	30				



# NEVER TOO SOON TO ahead

As your students settle into the rhythm of the new semester, please remind them that it is never too early to start planning for their future. Here are some resources to consider sharing:

- Career Development (nau.edu/career) offers free career advising, résumé assistance, job and internship opportunities, interview practice, and more
- Career Coffee Corner information tables every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the University Union
- Career Events (in.nau.edu/career/events), like the Career and Graduate School Fair on September 25 at the University Union Fieldhouse
- Handshake (nau.edu/handshake) lists current job openings

# Issues your students might be facing right now

- Managing relationships with friends/roommates
- Exam anxiety
- Depression and anxiety

### Livewell Focus: Emotional

- Aim for 7-9 hours of sleep each night.
- If you're struggling with mental health, make an appointment with a mental health professional.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
for spring sem	Campus Living applications for spring semester open this month. (nau.edu/housing)		1	2	3	NAU Football vs. Montana State Hispanic Heritage Day
	Midterm grades open for faculty input					NAU Football @ UC Davis
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	Indigenous Peoples' Day	14	15	16	Last day of 1st 8-week session	18
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	First day of 2nd 8-week session				Midterm grades due	NAU Football @ Idaho State
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	NAU Football vs. Idaho Native American Heritage Day Halloween Last day of 2nd 5-week session	

# **DEVELOPING** resilience

As the fall semester progresses, it's common for students to encounter increased academic demands, social pressures, and personal challenges that can take a toll on their mental well-being. The colder and darker winter months can also impact mental wellness. Share these resources with your students if they need a little bit of extra support this time of year:

 At NAU Counseling Services (nau.edu/counseling), students can find non-judgmental support tailored to their specific needs. If students cannot meet in person, Jacks Care 24/7 offers short-term counseling support (nau.edu/jacks-care).

 Campus Health Services (nau.edu/campushealth) has multiple programs offering health and wellness support, including:

» NAU's peer support group through Counseling Services helps students connect with classmates who are passionate about mental wellness and education.

» Nutrition and fitness programs include cooking demonstrations, special events, and videos.

» Alcohol and drug reduction initiatives include non-judgmental, personalized feedback about substance use, strategies to reduce the risks of substance use, and connections to on- and off-campus resources.

» Sexual health programs include the Condom Club, STI testing, and more.

# Issues your students might be facing right now

- · Financial stress
- Academic pressure
- Balancing family/cultural responsibilities with school

### **Livewell Focus: Intellectual**

 Explore something new or dive deeper into an area that interests you.



### **National Native American Heritage Month**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Daylight Savings Time ends	Homecoming Week First day of 3rd 5-week session	Homecoming Week Election Day	Homecoming Week	Homecoming Week	Homecoming Week	NAU Football vs. Northern Colorado Homecoming Weekend/ Military Appreciation Day
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)	9	10	Veterans Day (University closed)	12	13	14	NAU Football vs. Cal Poly Senior Day
		Take a Hike Day		12	10	14	NAU Football @ Weber State Red Rock Rivalry
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)	23	24	25	26	Thanksgiving (University closed)	University holiday (University closed)	29
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# WRAPPING UP, a successful semester

As your students gear up for this final push, champion these principles: prioritize self-care as a cornerstone of success, foster a mindset that sees every setback as an opportunity for growth, and remember that seeking assistance is not a sign of weakness but a testament to strength. Studies show that successful students ask for help. Also, remind your students that Cline Library (nau.edu/library) has dedicated study spaces and expert research assistance.

# Issues your students might be facing right now

- Worrying about final grades
- Finding a job over the break
- Family concerns

# **Livewell Focus:** Spiritual

- Find a group that aligns with your values and beliefs.
- Volunteer in local organizations throughout the community.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Last day of 3rd 5-week session	
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	Finals week	Finals week	Finals week	Finals week	Fall Commencement Winter break begins End of session for Fall 16-week and 2nd 8-week sessions	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	First day of class for winter term	Final grades due	17	18	Ugly Sweater Day	20
Winter Solstice				Winter Break (Universty closed)	Winter Break (Universty closed)	Winter Break (Universty closed)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Winter Break (Universty closed)	Winter Break (Universty closed)	Winter Break (Universty closed)	New Year's Eve (University closed)			

GETTING BACK IN the groove

The start of a new semester is an opportunity to refocus on academic and personal goals. Here are some tools for students and for those advocating for students.

 Now is a great time to meet with a Peer Academic Coach to plan academic support and academic habits for the new schedule of classes.

• The NAU CARE Referral (nau.edu/careteam) is a resource for alerting the NAU CARE Team regarding any member of the NAU Community who may seem to be struggling. There's a myth that this form is just for disruptive or threatening behavior. It can and should be used for that, but it can also be helpful for students encountering a wide variety of challenges, from mental health to food or housing insecurity. In the best cases, thoughtful use of the CARE Referral can lead to simple interventions that can make a huge difference in a person's life.

 With 24/7 Jacks Care services (nau.edu/jacks-care), students can find short-term counseling support.

 NAU has a wide variety of additional mental health resources available (nau.edu/counseling).

# Issues your students might be facing right now

- Readjusting to the college routine
- Financial stress
- Winter blues—shorter, darker days

# Livewell Focus: Physical

 Aim for 30 minutes of movement or physical activity that brings you joy each day.

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	4	Spring tuition due Faculty back from Winter Break	6	7	NAU Teaching Day	Last day of winter term	Campus Living Communities re-open
•		First day of spring classes (for 16-week, 1st 5-week, and 1st 8-week sessions)	Faculty Comprehensive Review Self Eval Due	,			
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Martin Luther King Jr. Day (University closed)			Last day to drop courses without a "W"		
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Opposite Day						
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31



# HEADING INTO midterms

As we gear up for the midterm season, let's highlight the power of tutoring and academic coaching to empower our students. These invaluable resources not only assist in navigating challenging concepts but also serve as catalysts for enhancing confidence. Encourage students to proactively engage with the Academic Success Centers (nau.edu/asc) to tap into this support network.

Furthermore, let's underscore the importance of self-care as a cornerstone of academic success.

Here are some empowering strategies to share with students to promote well-being and resilience:

- Embrace your strengths and leverage them in the face of challenges.
- View setbacks as opportunities for growth and self-discovery. Practice self-compassion, reflect on lessons learned, and devise adaptive strategies for future endeavors.
- Foster a supportive environment by surrounding yourself with individuals who uplift and inspire you on your academic journey.
- Strive for balance in all aspects of your life. Establish healthy boundaries, prioritize tasks, and allocate time for social connections, work commitments, and self-care rituals.

By embracing these strength-based approaches, students can cultivate resilience, enhance their academic performance, and foster a sense of empowerment in their educational pursuits.

# Issues your students might be facing right now

- Managing wellness
- Thinking about housing for next year
- Winter clothing and transportation

### **Livewell Focus: Financial**

- Sign up for a free online budgeting tool, such as Mint.
- Find fun, free things to do on campus or in the community.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Groundhog Day					
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					Last day of 1st 5-week session	Valentine's Day
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	First Day of 2nd 5-week session Presidents' Day					
15	16	17	18	19	20	2
	Midterm grades open for faculty input					
22	23	24	25	26	27	2

# PROMOTING healthy habits

As we near the mid-point of the semester, students may be looking forward to a break from classes, assignments, and other responsibilities. Please consider sharing these tips from Health Promotion for a safe and healthy spring break:

- Add some joyful movement to your day.
- Take a break from digital content and social media.
- Find hobbies that help you relax.
- If you choose to have sex, practice safer sex and always get consent.
- Avoid driving under the influence if you choose to use cannabis or other drugs.
- If you choose to drink, stay within lower-risk drinking guidelines (no more than 3 drinks per occasion for individuals assigned female at birth and 4 per occasion for individuals assigned male at birth).
- Make time to support all 8 dimensions of wellness on Live Well NAU's Live Well Wheel (nau.edu/livewell).

#### **Resources for students**

If you have students in your classrooms who are struggling with personal challenges or issues like food insecurity and financial need, please let them know about the Lumberjack CARE Center (nau.edu/carecenter). A few highlights of the resources that the CARE Center offers are below:

- Lumberjack CARE Team case managers offer one-on-one support to students experiencing life and academic challenges, offering a comfortable space to problem solve, create safety plans, connect with resources, or engage with wellness activities. You can submit a CARE Referral if you would like a case manager to reach out to you or one of your students.
- The Louie's Cupboard food pantry offers perishable and nonperishable food and resources to students, faculty, and staff through biweekly distributions, as well as grab-and-go bags.
- The CARE Center also offers weekly events, like the "Dog Days" series, where students can take a break from their studies and relax outside with therapy dogs.

# Issues your students might be facing right now

- Re-enrollment
- Summer plans
- Feeling cooped up for winter

### **Livewell Focus: Occupational**

- Consider joining a committee like the Staff Advisory Council
- Explore workplace resources with Employee Assistance and Wellness

**Women's History Month** 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Last day of 1st 8-week session	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Daylight Savings Time begins	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Pi Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	First Day of 2nd 8-week session	St. Patrick's Day			Vernal Equinox	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					Last day of 2nd 5-week session	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	First day of 3rd 5-week session					
29	30	31				



# FINDING motivation

Staying motivated this time of year is important for students, especially with finals right around the corner. It's no secret that motivated students succeed not only academically but also in their personal and professional development. Helping students connect their academic journey to their future goals is a great way to foster motivation and determination. If you sense that your students may be having a tough time staying motivated to finish the semester, please consider sharing a few of these resources with them:

- The "What Can I Do With This Major?" tool is a great way to help students visualize how success in their classes now can set them up for a successful career in the future. Click the "What can you do with your major?" link on the Career Development homepage.
   nau.edu/career
- Reading the success stories of NAU alumni (nau.edu/stories) might also help students visualize their future and stay motivated as they finish the semester.
- Encourage students to keep an eye out for NAU events and opportunities (nau.edu/events) to take a break from studying (like Dog Days, Stressbusters, Reading Week Donuts, and more).

Thank you, as always, for the support and guidance that you provide our students!

# Issues your students might be facing right now

- · Lack of motivation
- · Choosing a minor
- Affirming they are in the right major

# Livewell Focus: Environmental

- Eat plant based meals at least 1-2 times/week.
- Choose to be outside during the day for activities like eating or exercising.

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				April Fools' Day			
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				Tax Day			
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				Earth Day		Undergraduate Symposium	
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	26	27	28	29	30		

# PREPARING FOR finals

To help our students succeed in their final exams and projects, here are a few resources and recommendations to share. Cline Library (nau.edu/library) has dedicated study spaces and research assistance to help out with final projects. Counseling Services (nau.edu/counseling) are available to make sure that students feel supported to navigate challenges with confidence and resilience. As your students prepare for the final push, please also consider sharing these tips:

- Being healthy helps you focus and think critically, so practicing self-care is one
  of the best ways to achieve academic success. Remember to get enough sleep,
  exercise, and nutrition as you study for finals.
- Commit to a growth mindset. Past mistakes (and even "failures") can be learning opportunities. Be compassionate with yourself and plan new approaches to your goals.
- Ask for help when you need it—your Lumberjack community is here for you!

# Issues your students might be facing right now

- Grades
- Burnout
- Summer internships or jobs

### **Quick wellness tip**

Step outside and get some fresh air. Enjoy a healthy snack while you're out there.



## Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (celebrated in April at NAU)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Last day of 3rd 5-week session	2
3	Finals week	Finals week Cinco de Mayo	Finals week	Finals week	Spring Commencement Last day of 16-week and 2nd 8-week sessions	Spring Commencement
Mother's Day	First day of summer classes for 3-week, 8-week, and 12-week sessions	Final grades due	U	,	True Blue Summer Fridays begin	3
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					True Blue Friday	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Memorial Day (University closed)				True Blue Friday  Last day of 3-week session	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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# MAKING THE MOST Summer

If your students don't have a job or internship (or even if they do), encourage them to explore volunteer opportunities in their community. It's a great way to get connected and gain experience in a field they're passionate about.

The new website **axeofservice.nau.edu**, managed by the Center for Service and Volunteerism, lists volunteer opportunities in and around Flagstaff.

If your students are signed up for summer classes, remind them that these classes often move at a quicker pace. Encourage them to practice good time management skills.

### **Pride Month**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	First day of summer classes for 1st 5-week session and 10-week session				True Blue Friday	
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					True Blue Friday	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Flag Day				Juneteenth (University closed) International Picnic Day	True Blue Friday	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Father's Day	Summer Solstice				True Blue Friday	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Last day of 1st 5-week session				
28	29	30				

EMBRACING QUE titles

Lumberjacks embrace diversity and inclusion while promoting a welcoming community for students of all backgrounds. Just a few of the campus communities and departments working to support students include:

Office of Inclusion nau.edu/inclusion

Office of Indigenous Student Success nau.edu/oiss

Veteran and Military Services nau.edu/vets

First-Generation Programs nau.edu/firstgen



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	First day of summer classes for 2nd 5-week session	7	8	9	True Blue Friday	11
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					True Blue Friday	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					True Blue Friday	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					True Blue Friday	
26	27	28	29	30	31	

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Last day of summer classes for 12-week, 10-week, and 2nd 5-week session	_		True Blue Friday	
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## **Important NAU departments**

Contact information and websites

### **Academic Success Centers**

928-523-7391 nau.edu/asc

### Admissions and Enrollment Services

928-523-5511 nau.edu/admissions

#### **Bookstore**

928-523-6691 nau.edu/bookstore

#### **Campus Dining**

928-523-2372 nau.edu/dining

### **Campus Health Services**

Appointments: 928-523-2131
Billing: 928-523-6343
nau.edu/chs

### **Campus Living**

928-523-3978 nau.edu/campus-living

### **Counseling Services**

928-523-2261 nau.edu/counseling

### **Disability Resources**

928-523-8773 nau.edu/disability-resources

### **Emergency**

911 nau.edu/police

### **Family Resources**

928-523-5181 nau.edu/parents

### **First-Generation Programs**

928-523-6980 nau.edu/firstgen

#### **JacksCard**

928-523-1905 nau.edu/jackscard

#### **Motorist Assistance**

928-523-9066

### Office of Inclusion

928-523-5656 nau.edu/inclusion

## Office of Indigenous Student Success

928-523-8086 nau.edu/oiss

# Office of the Dean of Students

928-523-5181 nau.edu/studentlife

## Police Department (non-emergency)

928-523-3611 nau.edu/police

### Registrar

928-523-5490 nau.edu/registrar

#### Scholarships and Financial Aid 928-523-4951

928-523-4951 nau.edu/finaid

# Student and Departmental Account Services

928-523-3122 nau.edu/sdas

#### **Student Service Center**

928-523-9501 nau.edu/servicecenter

### Student Support Services

928-523-6980 nau.edu/sss

## University Advising 928-523-4772

nau.edu/advising

## University Transit Services

928-523-6623 nau.edu/parking

### **NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY**