

# bossy BEATS

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## MSUM Fall Commencement

**M**SUM's Fall Commencement will be held Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse. We are excited to announce over 400 students are eligible to graduate this semester! Commencement is an opportunity for all of us to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates and to share our Dragon Pride with their families and friends. Plus, there may be some cool things happening this semester!

We know a lot of you are on the front lines advising or working with students who plan to graduate in December. Here are a few things you may want to mention...

- >Get their graduation application into the Registrar's Office! If not, no graduation for you! (Seriously, there are students who forget to do this every semester.)
- >When they get their graduation letter from the Registrar's Office, advise them to please actually read it. That colored card is **VERY** important! It's their participation card. We need to know if they plan to participate in the ceremony and if so, how to pronounce their name when they go across the stage.
- >Make sure they get their cap, gown, honors cord, and any other fancy schmancy apparel at the Bookstore. And it's **OK** to bling out their cap. It's a celebration after all!
- >If they have questions, don't be shy! We love providing correct information so the commencement day flows smoothly and everyone has a fantastic time.



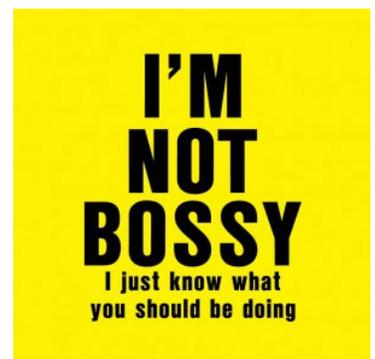
## Veterans Benefits

**Attention Advisors:** It is imperative to find out if your student is using any kind of Military Education Benefits for school. If they are, the VA will only pay for courses that are required for their degree. They will not pay to repeat a course they received a passing grade in (unless the degree requires a higher grade...a grade of a C or higher and the student received a D) If you have any concerns or questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Gail Schmidt in the Registrar's Office at 5941 or email [schmidga@mnstate.edu](mailto:schmidga@mnstate.edu).

## Get Those Grades In!

The window for posting final grades on the web for the current fall 2015 term opens **Tuesday, December 9th** and will remain open until **4:30 p.m.** on **Friday, December 18th**. Please be watching for an email with further instructions.

### FEATURED BOSSY MEME:





## Leaving on a jet plane...don't know when we'll be back again

**t**he Registrar's Office will be **closed** the week of December 28th, 2015. We will reopen on Monday, January 4th, 2016. We are having faulty carpeting replaced and reconfiguring our space to make it safer and more functional. We apologize for the inconvenience, but you don't want us tripping on our carpet anymore do you? Students will still be able to request transcripts via [getmytranscript.com](http://getmytranscript.com). The transcript requests will be processed when we return so there will be a short delay.

## Happy Retirement Bonnie

**W**e are both happy and sad to announce that Bonnie Thompson's last day at MSUM was Nov. 25th. She is off to the wonderful world of retirement after working at MSUM for over 30 years! We wish her well on the beginning of a great new chapter of her life!

Bonnie was in charge of licensing for teacher education at MSUM. This has now transitioned over to the College of Education and Human Services. For information on teaching licensure, your new contact will be Sue Severson. She can be reached at [severson@mnstate.edu](mailto:severson@mnstate.edu). Questions on residency and reciprocity can be directed to Shawn Soderberg in the Registrar's Office. He can be reached at 2566 or [soderbrg@mnstate.edu](mailto:soderbrg@mnstate.edu).

## MSUM Campus Reacts to Office Name Change

"Registrar's Office? Now where do I go for my Records Office questions?"  
**Anonymous Student**

"Figures the Registrar would want the office named after her."  
**Sara Hartwig, Scholarship & Financial Aid**

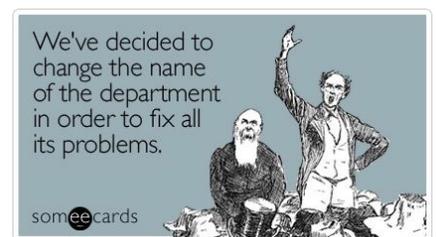
"Registrar isn't even a real word...right?"  
**Anonymous Student**

"I just can't believe they didn't name it after me. They are all obsessed with me over there."  
**Nate Hollatz, Admissions**

"What name change? I didn't get notice of that?"  
**Anonymous faculty who didn't read their email**

"I'm surprised she didn't name it the Office of Greatness."  
**Chad Markuson, Athletics**

"Welcome to 2015!"  
**Amy Sannes, Academic Support Center**



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