



A MESSAGE FROM
**President
Philomena
Mantella**

Dear colleagues,

As we rapidly approach the holidays and the end of the year, we're preparing for an exciting change that will simplify, unite and improve many of our work processes.

Beginning in January, numerous HR, finance, and payroll activities will be completed in Workday. Click the link below to see my conversation with Miloš Topić, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Digital Officer, about what this means for all of us and what we should do right now to make this transition as smooth as possible.

[Workday transition update](#)

I want to thank the hundreds of people who over the past few years have pulled double duty, putting in countless hours preparing for this move in addition to their daily responsibilities. I also want to commend the dozens of GVSU staff who will be working through the holidays to assure that we are up and running in January.

This transition will better position us to continue our growth and serve our students and community. Our entire leadership team appreciates your patience and assistance as we work through this change together.

Sincerely,

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Philomena V. Mantella, President
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