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Good morning,

Welcome to Winter START #1 today! Below you'll find notes about today and the folks we're welcoming.

Notes for today:

- Banner has been down this morning, in addition to MyDegrees and other apps that rely on Banner. Box too has been down, so we're juggling a bit this morning.
- Pick up for colleges for their students this afternoon is at 12:45 in the MU Ballroom.

Today, we're welcoming:

- 116 students, 55 of whom are first year students and 61 of whom are transfer students.
- 54 family members, which is larger than many previous term orientations!
- Students from 9 states, including: Armed Forces Europe, California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, and Washington.
- Our Transfer students today are coming from many different universities, including multiples of students coming from: Chemeketa, Lane Community College, Linn Benton Community College, Mt. Hood Community College, Portland Community College, Portland State University, University of Oregon, Washington State University, and Western Oregon University.

Today we're grateful for:

- Our student staff, who are here greeting new students on the last day of their finals week. Thanks Jo, Savannah, Anika, Ashleigh, Estella, and Kari!
- All of the IT folks trying to fix the outages to ease advising challenges this afternoon.
- The MU staff who were very patient with us as we tried to remember how to host START at the MU again! (where's the blinds remote? How do we adjust the lights? Is the sound on?)
- Our presenters today: Kerry Kincannon and Steve Wuhs for Your Learning at OSU and Greg Balck and Emory Spence.
- Our panelists and "tablers" for the resource fair today! We're so grateful for your help in welcoming our new students and their families.

Happy Winter START #1 and we'll write again before Winter START #2 in January.

Happy Holidays!

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