

Message from President Cook

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Hello everybody I'm Dave Cook, the President of North Dakota State University.

I'm Kaylee Weigel, your Student Body President, and welcome back to campus.

Today is day one, so we'll be walking through the gates later today, so excited to welcome all the students back onto campus, it's really one of my favorite events all year.

Kaylee, do you remember walking through the gates?

I do, it was a little bit of a long time ago, but I remember how exciting it was to see everybody welcome me to campus, it made me feel like I really belonged.

So, we're excited to be there and welcome you all, we're looking forward to it. I'm a wily veteran, I did it one time a year ago, so I can't wait to do it again, we're right down from the gates right now so it's going to be an exciting day.

What do you remember about Welcome Week? What's your advice to all these new students coming onto campus?

It's going to be really fun, but very overwhelming, but make sure to get out, get out of your dorm or your house, get involved on campus, go meet people, go to all of the wonderful events that are available.

Yeah, just get out, go get involved. So, one of my favorite things that happens here the first week or two of classes is that we have all the student organizations out, they've got all their booths. We have something like 275 different student organizations, so there's something for everybody. So, you've got to check that out. What organizations are you involved with?

Obviously, I'm involved in Student Government, I've also been involved with Junior Panhellenic, Bison Ambassadors, the Pre-med Club, and Greek life.

So, go to the Involvement Expo, like he said there's a club for everybody, go find one, two, three or four, and kind of like you're home.

Holy cow you're busy! So, what are you studying? Microbiology, I'm a graduate student in micro.

How much longer do you have? About a year, hopefully, if I can write my thesis in time. Very good. Well, so great advice from our Student Body President.

Get out, make friends, get involved with organizations, go to class. Go to class, yes. It's pretty important, anything else? Eat your vegetables, get enough sleep at night. All right, we can't wait to see you on campus, welcome and everybody.

Go Bison!