Fall 2019 Department Newsletter
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A Message from the Department Chair, Professor Suzanne Boyd

The end of the semester is a time of high-stakes. Instructor's advice may be looking forward to getting their grains own desk, so they can design grades then take a well-deserved break. They may be happily planning holiday events and/or travel. For our students (both undergraduate and graduate), the end of term is likely a time of high stress, at the culmination of a busy semester. Some of you will not be finishing your class successfully despite their efforts.

The next couple of weeks, take note that this moment at a time of high emotions. Instructors may be dealing with a whole host of problems most of which I'm totally unaware. Many of our students have financial insecurities or family complications making final exams and the learning holiday season extra stressful.

Our department has the almost unique opportunity to impact nearly every UWM student. On the whole we have developed a pretty positive reputation on campus, as caring educators. I frequently get positive feedback from our students each as unique human beings, struggling yet full of potential, and strive to treat each of them, and you continue to see your students each day, despite their efforts.

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