

Good morning, Bobcats.

As you know, FSU's annual #BobcatGivingDay is quickly approaching on Wednesday, April 1. This year we're embracing a superhero theme as our beloved (and fearless) mascot, Bob E. Cat, will transform into "Super Bob" for 24 hours, inspiring support for FSU programs, departments and funds that matter most to each of us.

The campaign launches at noon on Wednesday and runs for 24 hours, bringing with it exciting competitions, challenges and more than \$13,000 in prizes that will be awarded by the FSU Foundation Board of Directors. As always, the grand prize of \$5,000 will go to the fund with the most DONORS (not dollars), reminding us that participation at every level truly makes a difference. Additional \$2,000 prizes will be awarded across categories for each of our three colleges, athletics and other University initiatives.

And it doesn't end there! Donors who make a gift of \$75 or more will receive a special collectible "Super Bob" tote bag (while supplies last).

I also hope that you'll join us in person at the Bobcat Giving Day Launch Party from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the ARMAH to help us kick off this exciting day together.

Giving Day is a powerful reminder of what makes Bobcat Nation so special. Each gift, no matter the size, helps create opportunities for our students, strengthens our programs and ensures that FSU continues to thrive. It is not just about giving back, but about paying forward the experiences and opportunities that define who we are as Bobcats.

In closing, as we approach the Easter holiday, I also encourage you to take time to enjoy meaningful moments with family and friends. This is a season of renewal and hope, and those values are reflected in the spirit of Giving Day and in the generosity of our campus community.

Frostburg's spirit, pride, dedication and collective commitment to supporting the University and the region are what I cherish most. Our students, faculty and staff embody this spirit, creating an environment that is both inspiring and uplifting. Thank you for all you do for FSU. I hope that you will join me in supporting #BobcatGivingDay on April 1.

With FSU pride,

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