What: M State is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is committed to continuously working and striving for the next level of educational excellence for students and stakeholders by following the AQIP Pathway. The College is in year four of the eight-year AQIP Pathway cycle which included the submission of a System’s Portfolio and will include an site visit from HLC peer reviewers, called a Comprehensive Quality Review (CQR).

When: April 23-25, 2018

Why: Accreditation from HLC is vital to the College for many reasons, including:
- Accreditation ensures students and stakeholders that we are committed to and prepared to provide quality education programs and services
- Accreditation ensures our eligibility to award federal financial aid and to receive other forms of federal funding
- Accreditation guides and supports our continuous improvement initiatives

How: HLC peer reviewers will conduct a site visit to provide M State the opportunity to demonstrate: 1) HLC Criteria for Accreditation standards of quality are being met; 2) Commitment to institutional quality improvement; and 3) Compliance with certain requirements set by the U.S. Department of Education.

The following will be reviewed during the site visit:
- M State Systems Portfolio
- Quality Highlights Report and Evidence Library
- Federal Compliance Packet and related data

A CQR visit may also include:
- Meetings with students, faculty, staff and other key stakeholders to determine if criteria for accreditation are being met and continuous improvement principles are incorporated into daily work and decision-making
- On-site visits to each campus
- Student opinion surveys

All employees should do the following to prepare for the visit:
- Review M State’s mission, vision and values and be ready to talk about how you and the work of your team contributes to them
- Read the M State Quality Highlights Report
- Read M State’s Systems Portfolio and Systems Appraisal Feedback Report
- Continue to participate in strategic planning input opportunities and review the strategic planning information posted in the Employee Portal > Academics
- Stay current on information about the visit by reading the M State News, emails, etc.