Giving Thanks

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Greetings Cardinals!

On this day, Thanksgiving Eve, I am writing to express my profound gratitude for each of you and all you have done to make this most challenging semester a success. It hasn’t been perfect, but we have journeyed through it well and together.

Every one of you has my deepest appreciation. And every one of you deserves a peaceful and relaxing break.

I have been truly inspired by the resiliency, spirit, and support our Cardinal Community has shown for one another. As I reflect on the fall, my thoughts run the gamut, from months of pre-planning to countless hours of following through and adjusting those plans as needed.

At the same time, I think about the students I have met on my socially distanced walks around campus. I think about their stories, their desire to be on campus and their incredible focus on learning and serving.

I think about our dedicated and creative faculty teaching our students through adaptive techniques and providing overwhelming attention. Faculty refined their virtual classrooms while others innovated to provide essential in-person experiential learning in art, education, science, health care programs and more.

And I think about our college employees. Particularly those supporting isolation and quarantine spaces to ensure the highest care for students, and those cleaning classrooms and residence halls to ensure safe and sanitary conditions for us all.

It is this collective effort and sacrifice that has made the semester thus far a success despite obstacles and positive COVID cases.

Our ability to adapt and work together has been tested. The semester has taught us valuable lessons for Spring 2021. As a campus, we will talk through what worked well, what needs further attention, and how we can serve students even better next semester.

As we do, and as we approach Thanksgiving, I am truly thankful for each member of the Cardinal Community. You have shown what it means to soar and lead. You are Cardinal Strong.

Have a well-deserved break!

All the best,

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