

## Looking Back with Gratitude

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Dear colleagues:

As we close out our current academic year I want to be sure you know how grateful the University leadership team and I are for all you have contributed to bring UWL's extraordinary Spring Semester 2020 to a successful conclusion. We have long known that UWL is special because of the strength of our community and its shared commitment to our mission. Thank you for stepping-up to the challenges presented during this time of crisis and doing so with grace and flexibility. From moving classes online in a matter of days, to managing a massive, rapid move-out operation, to celebrating our graduates virtually—these and countless other challenges were complex, delicate, novel and fluid. But they were never too much for this campus to handle. UWL truly is special.

Now, just as we look back on the semester with gratitude, we shift our full attention to tackling the complexities of Fall planning. Many colleagues have already been devoting a tremendous amount of time and energy to this work. These groups include the Executive Policy Team, the COVID-19 Response Planning Task Force, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, shared governance executive leaders, and UW System planning teams.

You can expect our communication about Fall planning will begin the first week of June. This will be an ongoing conversation for our campus, and we anticipate the situation will continue to shift as we have grown accustomed over the past several months. Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility as we move forward together.

Until then, I hope you have an opportunity to relax over the long weekend ahead, and I wish each of you a wonderful, restorative holiday.

Take care,

Joe

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