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Dear Colleagues,

As we complete another academic year with two CALES graduation ceremonies, and just before I go to the university's Commencement ceremony, I have been thinking back on this last whirlwind semester.

I recognize and commend your work and commitment to maintaining our values, principles and high standards. I have seen and heard your fear and courage. Once again, I have seen your dedication, resilience, skill and talent in the face of shared challenge. I want to thank you for your resilience and dedication in these extraordinary times.

Your unwavering commitment to our missions – on main campus, in every part of our diverse state, and in two different countries – is what defines us. You inspire me. I am, as always, honored to serve our people with you.

I want to address a crucial aspect of our shared governance – integrity and transparency. I will not use the summer months to sidestep our shared governance principles, processes and/or practices. My commitment to transparency will not change. I assure you that my commitment to these is unwavering. I believe shared governance has been and always should be a cornerstone of our collective capacity.

The success of our students is a testament to the vibrant, supportive community we have cultivated here at the University of Arizona. We are about to celebrate our new CALES alumni, to recognize and commend their hard work and perseverance. I'd also like to honor the families and supporters who played a vital role in this chapter of their education. I am excited to see how our newest alumni will enrich our communities and the world.

I wish each of our faculty a recuperative and productive summer. Whether you are engaged in research, teaching summer sessions, or pursuing other things, I hope this season proves to be fruitful and enriching. I hope that everyone in ALVSCE will make

the time for some R&R during the months ahead.

Thank you once again for your hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Best wishes and be well,

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