

Beginning of the Semester - Thank You

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Dear Colleagues,

There will be no updates in this email. No links. No request for information from you. It will be short. I am writing to simply say thank you, good luck, and you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Since leaving campus in mid-March, we have all experienced a five-month stretch like no other. With the semester beginning today, and the return of face-to-face education at SLU, I know the excitement of reengaging our incredible students is mixed with the nerves and uncertainty the pandemic continues to bring our way.

I have never seen the faculty and staff work as hard as they have during the past five months. So much has been done to transform our campus for socially-distanced education. So much has been done to rework courses for online and flex (A/B) courses. Even face-to-face courses will not look the same with students being able to take any course online, and possibly having to shift to online if they need to quarantine. And, of course, this only scratches the surface of all that has been done.

I promised this would be short. So I'll end it. Thank you for everything you have done over the past five months preparing for this day. Thank you for being so flexible. Good luck today, and for the semester. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Best Regards,
Mike