October 30, 2020

Dear Marauder Family,

As we approach the end of the semester, I want to extend a special thank you for all that you have done to bring us safely to this point and to encourage your continued focus on the health, safety and civility of our campus community in the days ahead.

Our mission, as captured by our new strategic plan, Tradition and Transformation, is to be a “community dedicated to high quality education at an exceptional value.” This mission purposefully leads with an appreciation that we are a community first. The events of these past months have allowed us to see the strength of our community more than ever. We are compassionate individuals who care for each other and our society, and who act with kindness and integrity.

Pandemic fatigue is one of the challenges that we are all facing. So, I have a few special requests of our community in the coming days.

First, for our students as you celebrate Halloween this weekend. While I hope that the holiday brings you sweet treats and spooky thrills, I ask that you pay extra attention to our health and safety guidelines. Try to avoid large outdoor gatherings and small inside gatherings, use face coverings and maintain social distance. I could not be more proud of how you have helped to keep COVID-19 cases on campus low. Renewed focus this weekend and a strong push through the remainder of the semester will help keep our community safe and position us to truly have a happy and healthy winter break.

Second, we all know that the general elections will take place next Tuesday. Thank you to our students for being engaged in the election process, for participating in the “All In, Campus Democracy Challenge,” and for having productive and thoughtful conversations about the candidates and the issues. The Center for Civic and Community Engagement has prepared [voting resources](#) to help you get the most out of the day.
Lastly, a reminder to the entire University community, to vote, to remind those around you to vote and to respect the vote of others. Regardless of our political affiliations, we are all Marauders. Let us be a model of civic responsibility, civic engagement and civility. #VilleVotes.

Be kind, be safe and stay healthy.

With warm regards,

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President