



Shared perspectives  
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It is hard to believe another semester and academic year is coming to a close. Graduation is almost here. It seems like we just came back from winter break. It has been a busy year for everyone, one with many changes. We are saying good bye due to retirements of quite a few folks this year. I hope everyone will come out to our staff recognition day this week to say good bye to our retiring faculty and staff. Hopefully folks will all be able to join us, even if only for a short time. I want to thank all of you for your hard work this past year and to wish everyone who is retiring the best of everything in your new endeavors. I wish you health, happiness and a sense of peace in whatever lies next for you.

We appear to have met our FTES target goals this year. That has been a challenge and is due to the careful schedule planning, many outreach programs and caring assistance our staff provides for potential students, as well as our increased marketing approaches.

It has been a tough year with all of the construction going on so I appreciate the patience everyone has displayed as we have dealt with all of the many obstacles in our way. The facilities staff has done a yeoman's job dealing with all of the problems that seem to routinely show up with each project. A special thanks to those staff who are here at all times of the day dealing with broken water lines, power outages and so on and so on.

The past few weeks have given us the opportunity to celebrate with our students their success in achieving honors and in obtaining one of the many scholarships that were given out. Those events are always exciting and fun times, one for each of us to realize why we went into this business in the first place. I always find each of these events so rewarding and personally satisfying as it is a major reminder to me all of the good we all accomplish as a result of our hard work. Sometimes it is easy to get so tied up in the every day events that we forget the larger picture. This time of year and all of the upcoming events serve that purpose for all of us...to remind us of the good we do for our students and our community.

So to that, I say thank you to all of you who work so hard every day to make our students' educational goals a reality.

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