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Tue, Dec 8, 2020 at 10:52 AM

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Students:

Having interacted with many of you only through Zoom, I look forward to the time I can get to know you face-to-face. Yet, over the course of the last four months I feel I have been able to deepen my understanding of UMaine's incredible community. Every day I witness your efforts to continue our important mission of research, teaching, and service, even as we adjust to new teaching modalities and restrictions in research and travel and work to meet student needs in new and innovative ways. I also want to recognize the teams of people who help keep our environment safe through testing, contact tracing, and deep cleaning spaces as needed.

The resilience of our community has been inspiring. This is not to minimize the significant personal and professional challenges that our community has faced and will continue to face for some time, but it is also important to recognize and celebrate that we have successfully achieved our goal of keeping in-person instruction going until Thanksgiving. Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do that has helped our community thrive.

While the situation continues to evolve every day, bringing hopes as well as new challenges, I know that our community is strong and that the collaborations among faculty, staff, and students will allow us to face the new year together.

I wish you a safe and peaceful holiday season that allows you to take some much needed time to disconnect, unwind, and relax. Here's to a new year of hope and health!

Best wishes,  
John

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