



Happy Thanksgiving students!

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Greetings EMU students on the eve of Thanksgiving holidays.

I am so very thankful for the countless ways large and small that each of you has stepped up to our COVID challenges this fall! My attitude of gratitude is three-fold: your compliance through COVID restrictions; your endurance and engagement through social and civic unrest; and your academic perseverance through major changes in educational modalities and delivery systems. Truly amazing!

Yes, there is light at the end of the tunnel—at the end of a l-o-n-g, unprecedented, challenging semester. And yet the term has also been marked by wildly imaginative, resilient and creative accomplishments that bear your influence.

Finally, a special thank you to the many students who, working with faculty and staff, participated in four ceremonies that brought light and hope and creative genius to our EMU community far and wide this past weekend. Amazingly, some of you were active participants in all 4 of these events, including:

11/19 LIGHTING OF THE GREEN

11/19 SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

11/20 GATHERING OF GRATITUDE: DONOR RECOGNITION

11/21 MUSIC GALA: A CONCERT OF HOPE

We often claim that EMU is a beacon of light that shines its mission more brightly than its size would indicate. With the help of so many of you, last week-end was shining proof of just that. We set the bar high for bringing solace and inspiration in these perilous pandemic times.

Golly, we've almost made it, students! Truly, a semester like no other! And for that I am enormously thankful.

I pray for travel mercies and many "helpings" of restorative blessings for each of you in the coming days and weeks. God of all goodness, giver of all grace, in this season of gratitude we thank you for your presence among us. As we make creative arrangements to gather with family and friends in health-informed ways in this season of illness, may we remember your promise to be with us now and always!

May God bless all of you abundantly this Thanksgiving!

In gratitude,

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