

Subject: The End of the Semester is Upon Us

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To: SRU Stakeholder

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To the University community:

The end of the semester is in sight, SRU. With final exams just around the corner and commencement following closely behind, I find myself, yet again, feeling incredibly grateful for our community.

I'm grateful for our students who woke up every day, put on their masks, and were able to learn, grow, and adapt in the face of a difficult situation.

I'm grateful for our faculty members who learned how to teach and mentor students in new ways all while maintaining an extraordinary level of care and compassion.

I'm grateful to the staff who adapted our campus, technology, and operations to provide as seamless an educational experience as possible and often going above and beyond in making it all happen.

But as you prepare for final exams – whether you are a student or faculty member – remember to take a deep breath and try to relax as you focus on educational success. Remember to stay connected to friends and family throughout the process as those connections can help to renew your mind, body, and spirit.

It has been truly remarkable the way in which so many members of our community have stepped up as we have navigated the challenges and changing landscape before us this past year. Your successes and determination have proven how resilient and adaptable we can be in the face of adversity. We are going to need to continue to leverage those strengths as we continue to navigate the effects of COVID-19 and prepare for a more traditional fall semester in August.

Before I close, I want to recognize our graduating seniors. The efforts put forth by you during the past three semesters, in the face of unprecedented challenges, are amazing. Our entire University community is proud of you and confident that you will continue to inspire us all. Congratulations.

While this will be my last regular update this semester, we will send messages as needed. I wish you all good health throughout the coming summer months and look forward to seeing many of you again in the fall.

Best,

William J. Behre
President