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Dear Colleagues,

As the Fall 2022 semester ends and the students and faculty wrap up the last day of final exams, I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your hard work and commitment to UNH and our students. I have been reflecting on how, as we come out of the first two years of COVID, even normal activities somehow feel like we should be thankful for them. This is the time of year to be thankful for much more than that.

I am thankful and proud to be part of this UNH community that is so committed to the land grant mission of providing access to higher education and making a difference in our community. Together as one UNH across our three campuses, we are making a difference for our students, our global community and the state of New Hampshire. Thank you for everything that you do in support of that mission.

This semester has seen a range of successes from the growth in our incoming first-year class to outstanding students being recognized for their academic, athletic and community engagement achievements. Our faculty and research programs have been highlighted with new awards, prizes and recognition as national fellows. And our staff have worked tirelessly to provide the infrastructure that we all need to be successful, while continuing to work through changes in the way we do our work together. Ultimately, it is our mutual commitment to student success and well-being that makes the biggest difference, contributing to our ongoing recognition as a national top 10 "best value" among public universities across the country.

My wish for you all is that you take the time to rest, reconnect with friends and family, and find time to rejuvenate personally over the break. Wishing you a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season and a renewed spirit for 2023.

Sincerely,

Wayne Jones Provost