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Dear Campus Community,

This is the time in the quarter when everyone asks, “Where did the Fall go?” It seems that we just began the year and already we’re at the holiday break. While the days are flying by, it’s sometimes easy to lose track of all that we have accomplished. This was another in a long line of amazing years at UCR. We continue to lead the nation in multiple measures of inclusion and student success, and our research programs and recognitions are growing at a pace seldom seen in higher education.

When asked to talk about our university and its amazing trajectory, I almost always begin with the abiding values of the institution, and how for decades the faculty and staff of UCR have remained focused on two priorities: academic excellence and inclusion. Success in either domain is difficult, but success in both is truly rare. Given all that each of us is asked to do every day, achievements of this type only come from a deep commitment on the part of everyone. I am so proud to be part of a community that strives to be the best in both domains, and I am constantly impressed when surrounded by colleagues who exhibit that commitment in everything they do.

As the year and the quarter draw to a close, I would like to thank you for your commitment to UCR, our students, and your colleagues. It is a privilege to work with all of you.

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