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Dr. Cheryl Green

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As I look forward to the upcoming holiday season, I am reminded that while our country's leaders are navigating cultural and political changes, as well as the devastating impacts of a raging virus, we have to know that the job of healing, restoration and peace is not theirs alone.

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These values are outlined in our university vision statement. And if a change is going to come—if things are going to improve—the change starts with us. Each of us needs to work towards building a "more perfect union" as referenced in the Preamble to the United States Constitution. We have come far as a country in providing equal rights, but there is more work to do to provide equal protection under the law and equal opportunity for our students and fellow citizens.

I know and believe that education is an equalizer. All of you believe the same or you wouldn't be a part of the Governors State family as engaged alumni, current students, teachers, administrators, staff and service workers. In spite of these unprecedented times that we are managing, we have to know that together we can create a brighter tomorrow through education.

As I build that brighter future for Governors State, I am thankful for the people who work alongside me. Without them, my goal of building a better, stronger university would be out of reach. I am thankful for every one of their sacrifices and their tireless effort to share with others, what was shared with them.

I am talking about people who give of themselves not only during the holiday season but every day. I am talking about you! Thank you for all that you do to serve as a beacon of hope and light to our students and to our community. You are not alone. Together we can change the trajectory of someone's life. Together we must.

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