

Dear UA community,

As Thanksgiving nears, I want to thank you for the contributions you make every day as part of our university community. Each and every one of you is integral to the success of this university. From our faculty who teach and advise students to our facilities crews who make sure our buildings are heated and sidewalks clear of snow, you all contribute to our mission, and I am thankful for all that you do.

I also am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this great university and to work with you on behalf of our students. I know you are committed to ensuring a better future for yourselves, our students, and our state.

Though we face a host of tough challenges, we have many opportunities to contribute to Alaska, and I believe the university is the single best institution to meet those challenges and to lead our state forward.

As we approach the long Thanksgiving weekend, I encourage you to take time for yourself, reconnect with family, and enjoy the many blessings of life. Thank you again for all you do.

Sincerely,
Jim Johnsen