



December 12, 2022

Dear UA Community,

While the holiday season represents different traditions for each of us, for all of us, it's a time to celebrate traditions, gather with friends and loved ones, and express gratitude.

I've been reflecting on my gratitude for the UA community.

To our faculty, thank you for providing high-quality education in diverse disciplines and learning environments across this great state;

To our researchers, thank you for helping us better understand the world we live in and find solutions to the challenges facing Alaska;

To our student advisors and student services staff, thank you for helping our students have the best university experience possible and ensuring safety and success beyond the classroom;

To our administrative staff, thank you for ensuring all aspects of our university run smoothly;

To our facilities and maintenance crews, thank you for creating a warm and welcoming environment;

To our students, thank you for displaying resilience and dedication to learning, and for developing the skills to become Alaska's future leaders; and

To our alumni and donors, thank you for your support and confidence in Alaska's university system.

Whatever your affiliation with the university system, thank you for your part in empowering Alaska. Together, we are helping to create a thriving future for our state, and the amazing place we call home.

I wish you a happy, healthy and relaxing winter break, and look forward to seeing you in 2023.

Pat Pitney  
University President