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As we approach the end of fall semester, I want to acknowledge our community's resilience. We encountered loss -in many forms- which often placed us in a grieving process that was exacerbated by the lack of social connection and community. Other times, the moments of silence allowed for self-reflection, for a deeper understanding of what matters most to us. As we returned to campus, I was humbled by our community's patience, flexibility, generosity, and grace, toward one another. I see these qualities in our students, our staff, faculty, and administration. And when we fall short of these qualities, there is a desire to do better next time, I love this about our community! I hope that we continue to reflect on the lessons this pandemic has provided us, that we see opportunities for connection, cooperation, and acceptance.

Have a safe and restful winter break!

- Aracely Torres

Director; Title III Grant and First Generation & Peer Mentoring Programs

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How are we at the end of the semester?! I feel like just yesterday we were getting ready for the start of a very exciting school year. I want to applaud all our students for making it through this semester, as exciting as it was, I do not think anyone was anticipating how difficult it was going to be. We were back to commuting, planning our meals for the day, being present, running to the next class or meetings, not to mention getting involved in as much as you can to make up for lost time. It got pretty hectic, but look at you...YOU

MADE IT. I am so proud of all our students in First Gen, along with our campus community for the resilience you have shown this semester to push through. Great job Leo's, we will see you in the spring!

-Cassie Godinez, STEM Pathway Peer Mentoring Coordinator

When I reflect on this last semester, I get an overwhelming sense of gratitude. My mind goes to all the shared moments in person that have been experienced over the past few months. To be honest, some of them still feel so surreal. I am thankful for the little moments and the big moments. From the hi from a new face on campus to the bumping into people you have not seen in a year in a half. I am also grateful for the power of community. We came together to support each other, and this is how we have made it through. I get emotional just thinking of the ways this team and my students have been there for me and each other over the past few months. On an individual level I am grateful for resilience. I don't have enough words to express how inspired and motivated I have been by the resilience my students have demonstrated over the semester. I hope that everyone has a great winter break filled with respite and self care.

-Tiffany De Leon, Title III & Access Programs Program Coordinator

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