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Dear Colleagues,

We are approaching the end of another year – another impressive, inspiring, accomplished year. As we continue through the final days of 2014, it is the perfect time to think about how we want the year 2015 to look.

Earlier this semester, I spoke of the importance of ‘changing to remain the same.’ This sentiment can be applied to many things: from the future of the University of La Verne, to individual New Year’s resolutions aimed at personal improvements. This past year La Verne earned accolades from organizations locally, regionally and nationally. I could predict that these external validations and recognitions for our achievements and accomplishments are connected, in multiple ways, to individuals, to units, to programs, to Colleges, and to our multiple locations. The complete list of accomplishments and accolades is far too long to include, but I am confident we will continue building on these successes in the New Year.

I anticipate that the 2015 activities and accomplishments of our La Verne students, faculty, and staff will continue the momentum initiated in 2014. In the upcoming New Year, we will continue work on the Campus Master Plan, further implement the 2020 Strategic Vision, and progress further on planning the Comprehensive Campaign. This trifecta of initiatives will support the University’s positive changes while remaining loyal to our mission and values. I encourage each of you to explore ways to build on your individual strengths while staying connected to your own personal values. The New Year brings the opportunity for fresh perspectives and promise of renewed relationships and fresh beginnings. Let us end 2014 positively and with the mutual goal to continue academic and institutional excellence, distinction, and relevance.
A final note on the heels of Thanksgiving and as we begin to bring this year to a close: Thank you for everything you do for our students, our campus, our community, and each other. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated. My gift to each of you this year is Wednesday, December 24. Take the entire day to spend with your family, friends, and loved ones. Show them your appreciation and take time to explore how you will ‘change to remain the same’ in the New Year.

Sincerely,

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