To: The UVM Community

From: Tom Sullivan, President

Re: Season’s Wishes and Reflections

As the semester draws to a close and the first snow of winter falls here in Vermont, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation and best wishes to you for a joyous and restful holiday season.

The holidays offer a chance to spend time with friends and family, some of whom we might see often and others who may live close in our hearts but distant from our homes. In this era of great cultural, political, and technological change, a renewed sense of community keeps us tethered to what is most important in our lives. No matter how wide or how intimate, our communities and families give our lives meaning—and as we nurture those connections, we give relevancy and currency to one of the most important aspects of human life.

During this holiday season, may we all have extra time with those who make up our beloved communities—friends, family, and neighbors—honoring the ties that connect us and the differences that define us.

Leslie and I wish you and your families a joyous and relaxing holiday season and New Year!