From: Tom Sullivan

To: UVM Community

Re: Thanksgiving Wishes

It is hard to believe that only a few short weeks ago the University community was welcoming the Class of 2016 on the University Green at the twilight induction ceremony in late August. It has been a deeply rewarding and energizing time for me as I have gotten to know many of you and attend numerous events and meetings. My belief in the strength and vitality of the University of Vermont has been reaffirmed repeatedly. Although we are fortunate to be located in a great state and have an exceptional campus that makes the University a remarkable place, it is the people here who are special. The faculty, staff, students, and alumni and friends that comprise the University community are the heart of our University. I am thankful for your continuous dedication and commitment.

Next week, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. It is an opportunity for us to pause and consider the many wonderful blessings and gifts that we each have. It is also an opportunity to spend time with family and friends. When we return from Thanksgiving break, it will be only a few short weeks before the end of the semester that will be filled with final projects, exams, and end of the semester activities, including Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, December 15, 2012. I hope that the Thanksgiving break affords you the time to rest and refresh before the last days of the semester.

Leslie and I want to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope that your time with family and friends is rewarding and filled with joy and happiness. Knowing that many of you will be traveling, we also you wish you safe travels.