To: UVM Community

From: Tom Sullivan, President

Re: Welcome Back!

Greetings, and welcome back to campus for the start of our spring semester! It did not feel much like the winters we are used to over break, but it’s definitely feeling like mid-January now. The returning of the light is always a sign that spring is on the horizon, even if the snow tells us now that were deep into midwinter.

It’s great to see our students, faculty, and staff back on campus, and to feel the hum as the new semester gets underway. We come back to a full schedule of events, as we start the semester celebrating the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. Programs and events throughout the week will recognize and celebrate the work of Dr. King and the struggle for civil rights in America. The MLK Celebration begins this Thursday, January 17, and continues through Friday, January 25. Renowned civil rights leader and former president and CEO of the NAACP, Benjamin Jealous, will give the event keynote on January 22; the Larner College of Medicine hosts the MLK Health Equity Lecture on January 23. On Friday, January 25, political satirist Bassem Youssef will finish the week of programming with a flourish. I hope you will join in some of the events during this special and important week of recognition and celebration.

As I start my last semester as president of our University, I wish you a productive and exciting semester ahead, full of rich discovery and success. My thanks to each of you for your unique contributions to our great UVM community.

With all my best wishes,

Tom