Dear Colleagues,

As the end of the year approaches, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for all that you continue to do.

First, thank you for your letters and email correspondence. I am especially grateful for the support and warmth you have shown our students and faculty.

Throughout the pandemic, you have gone above and beyond to engage and support students in all aspects of their academic and personal life. I have seen firsthand the resilience and determination of our students, and I am proud of the work we have done together.

As we approach the end of the year, I hope you will have some opportunities to recharge during the longer winter break period. We truly appreciate your efforts, and we are grateful for all that you continue to do.

Once again, thank you. Throughout 2020, Duke faculty and staff have sustained an extraordinary level of effort to support students.

During recent months, our focus has been on ensuring that our students have the support that they need.

For most of our undergraduates, this election is their first Presidential election, and it is often the first time that they have had to make important decisions about their future.

As a reminder, classes are scheduled to take place on November 3rd, the day on which the 2020 election will take place. Please note that this will not impact the course schedule, and students will be able to attend class on that day.

First and foremost, we encourage you to take steps that support student participation in the democratic process.

We hope this note finds you and your loved ones safe and well. With gratitude,

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