In my younger days, I used to run long distance: two Boston Marathons, one New York Marathon, and one Los Angeles Marathon, to name a few. I know well that a runner needs to take in a big breath before they start their next lap of the race. And so do we.

Let’s face it—2020 has been a looooong year. Many of you haven’t seen a vacation day since before spring break and have been juggling work/family/health in unprecedented ways for a while now. We are thankful for your efforts, believe me. Our students are still learning and inspired. Our researchers press on and make new discoveries. And we continue to ignite the spark of scientific discovery throughout our communities. Despite the enormous challenges, it’s been a very productive year.

Now it’s time to take a break. Really. You deserve it.