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Fellow Wildcats:

Today marks a new chapter for many of us. For some of our faculty and students, online teaching and learning is a new world. Though we all miss the face-to-face interactions we are used to having, we also know that meaningful learning can still take place.

This new norm is not without some challenges. We will all learn new ways of doing things this semester. We will also “learn” that we indeed have the capacity to learn in new and exciting ways. We as a community will rise to this challenge. One of my favorite quotes is from Debbie Allen; “But out of limitations comes creativity.” I suspect this semester is going to produce some amazing creativity.

I hope that each of you gives yourselves and each other some grace during this time. Ask for help when you need it. We know these times are challenging, but we also know that adversity can create strength, and that even in the midst of challenges, the human spirit can shine. As a colleague recently said, “I cannot wait to see the good that is going to come from this.”

I look forward to a time when we can be together (not just virtually) as a Linfield community. Until that time, please know that I appreciate all of you and your willingness to explore new ways of doing things. Wishing you much success as we continue to connect learning, life and community.

Be well. Be blessed; wash your hands!

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