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## Crossroads

Dear Campus Community:

*"Celebrating the Past as We Forge the Future"*. As we approach the end of our 175th anniversary activities and reflect upon the associated events as well as the hate-filled events around the globe, our theme takes on special meaning to me. The parallels are frightening when I compare how we treated each other in the past with what is occurring now. The future must bring about better human relations.

We are at a crossroads in our existence. In the midst of our developing programming and mechanisms that help us forge a better future, I invite you to attend "Crossroads: on Common Ground" as means not only to support the talented individuals associated with this outstanding production (Bravo!), but also as a way to initiate - in earnest - the very serious conversations on issues of inclusion, diversity, and equity that are beginning on our campus and will continue openly and with serious intent next semester and into the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,

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President