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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

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To: The Faculty and Staff

From: Provost

Dear Colleagues:

After the virus, how will things be different? At some early morning hour during the last couple of weeks, this question took root in my mind. Over coffee, I thought it almost obscene to be imagining the day we aren't consumed with the impacts of COVID-19. But I was able to convince myself over a lot more coffee that such a day will come.

On many occasions since that morning the question has continued to give me comfort by arousing in me what I know to be true: at some point in the future the events caused by the virus will be memories. While difficult, and as a kind of reprieve, I allow my imagination to sketch such a vision. The vision is often short lived though and replaced with the inkling that in small ways this period will lift our spirits. For one, this time will remind us of our ability to come together around our essential purpose as a college. We will retrace the acts of selflessness and generosity as stories shape our shared recollection of the events, with each small triumph reminding us of our perseverance as a community.

Thank you in advance for all the memories that will recall in me your extraordinary efforts on behalf of our students, your kindness towards each other, and your success in preparing for the future. Let's stay in touch.

Thank you,

Barry

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