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Hey Mariners,

At this Easter time, I am so grateful for all Marymount students. It is a difficult time, and all of you have had to "pivot on a dime" from classroom courses to online. You, and our faculty and staff have done an amazing thing—so be proud of your hard work. I know it has been very difficult for some, and none of us signed up for this. Our goal is to keep moving forward. I just heard a quote from one of our NASA astronauts: "The harder you work, the luckier you get!" This is really good advice—work hard, and good things will happen. There really is no easy way to success. You really need to "bust it" even when you feel tired or overwhelmed—maybe especially then.

Personally, I am trying very hard to keep a rigorous schedule. I still get up by 5:30, shower, shave and make my morning coffee. Not much gets between me and my morning coffee! I am routinely at my desk here in my basement at 7:15, and my day begins. It has been busy and productive, and we have continued to have regular meetings with Cabinet, senior leadership and individual departments. Thank goodness for Zoom and Microsoft TEAMS. It has been a blessing to be in contact both verbally and visually with my co-workers. We have a great and highly committed team. What they continue to do is really awesome, and they are still smiling.

I hope all of you are doing well. I miss seeing you on campus and in the café and on the walkways between buildings. I miss seeing the softball team, the soccer team and the tennis team working out on the tennis courts in the morning. Watching you with morning workouts starts my day right. You all make me very proud to be a Mariner.

I hope all of you take a moment to reflect on the Easter season. This is a time of victory. Jesus went through a time of devastating pain, humiliation and anguish on what we know as Good Friday. Yet on the third day, He showed us that there is greater power than death. Praise God. We don't understand all of this, but we can believe it and rely upon it. Take heart Mariners, we will get through this. The anguish today will give way for celebration in the future.

I am anxious to be back together with the Mariner family. Happy Easter to all of you.

Go Mariners!



President