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**Subject:** End of Semester Message from the Provost

Dear Colleagues,

The end of any academic year, after grades have been submitted and regalia has been put away, is a wonderful time to look back. With the close of the 2019-20 academic year, I realize there is much more for all of us to reflect on than usual. I thank you again for the compassion and support you showed your students, your colleagues, and your community this spring. I hope that you will take some time of your own to rest and reflect on the lessons learned and the meaning you have brought to your students' lives.

We all know there are challenges in JMU's future. I also know that you - the faculty and staff of academic affairs - are more than able to rise to the occasion. As I have previously shared, conversations continue university-wide as we make plans for Fall 2020 based on the latest available information and guidance. I appreciate the more than 850 responses we have received to the Contingency Planning Task Force request for information. The [form](#) will be available until May 18, and I would welcome your input.

There are still unanswered questions, and we will update you as the university makes decisions. The Board of Visitors will review and approve JMU's tuition and fees for the upcoming year at their meeting this Friday, and more information on the budget will be available after that meeting.

Sincerely,  
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