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Dear Students, Staff, Faculty and Administration:

On behalf of the Board of Regents and Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich, and in our capacity as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board, we want to personally thank each and every one of you, the students, staff, faculty and administration throughout the Nevada System of Higher Education for your dedication, patience, and just plain hard work over the last few very difficult years.

Much has been said about the toll that the economic crisis has taken throughout the world and our country, with Nevada being particularly hard hit. Over the last biennium, with state revenues falling short, the System has had to absorb reductions in its budget, while doing everything that we can to maintain the quality of our system of higher education, all while record numbers of Nevadans turned to higher education for career and professional training and education.

We are particularly moved by the contributions that you – as one of the NSHE's students, staff, faculty and administration - have made as partners of the state's public higher education system.

The System would not have survived the combined effects of the economic burdens without your tireless work, support, endurance and expertise. Although it has been stated many times that diversification of our state's economy through higher education and research will be what pulls Nevada and its citizens out of a fragile economic situation, it is also just as important to express our strong belief that it is the humanity of our students, staff, faculty and administration that has and will continue to allow us to carry on our mission. Throughout all of the many difficult circumstances that we have encountered as a result of the down economy, while simultaneously under the pressure of increased enrollments, we continue to be overwhelmed with the intense compassion shown by each of you and by the selfless contributions that has been made by each of you, in order to maintain the quality of our system of higher education.

It is with this in mind that we express on behalf of the Board of Regents our heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you.

With gratitude,

James Dean Leavitt
Chairman of the Board

Jason Geddes
Vice Chairman of the Board