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Dear Law School Community,

We made it! Thirteen weeks of social distancing, mask-wearing, and hard work have brought us through to the end of classes. I am tremendously proud of how each of you -- students, faculty, and staff -- have approached this semester. You've looked out for each other, and created ways to connect with one another in a virtual setting. You put the health and safety of your classmates and colleagues first. And we got through it together!

This semester – and this year – have brought no small number of challenges. More challenges certainly lie ahead as we approach a second hybrid semester and continue to work on our diversity and inclusion efforts. But seeing everyone in our community approach these challenges head-on with grace and fortitude reminds me that we have much for which to be grateful. As we enter into this Thanksgiving week, I am particularly thankful to be a part of a community that turns challenges into opportunities for growth and improvement. I'm looking forward to continuing that work in the semester to come.

I wish you a warm and happy Thanksgiving holiday, a productive study week, and a successful exam period. Stay safe, and stay healthy.

Best,

Dean Perdue