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Greetings to our UD community:

Welcome to a new academic year at the University of Delaware, one that promises to be full of exciting opportunities. I want to extend a special welcome to our new students, faculty and staff who are enriching our diverse community. You are now part of a great university known for its excellence in education, research and scholarship, artistic and creative endeavors, and service to society.

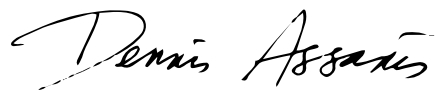
I am thrilled and honored to be serving as your President and committed to working with you to advance our University into an even brighter future. Together, we will create and pursue bold initiatives to fulfill our shared vision and aspirations of:

- Enhancing the success of our students
- Building an environment of inclusive excellence
- Investing in our intellectual and physical capital
- Strengthening interdisciplinary and global programs
- Fostering a spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship

I am enthusiastic and energized about the power and potential of our University. I know I can count on you to join me in making our University as dynamic and vibrant as it can be. After all, the greatest asset of UD to shape both culture and experience is you: our students, faculty, staff, alumni, Trustees and friends. Your support and contributions will help us ensure that UD continues to thrive as a world-class institution and prepare our next generation of leaders.

This is a wonderful time to be part of the evolutionary journey of the University. My wife, Eleni, and I are proud members of the Blue Hen community, and we look forward to getting to know more of you. Together, we begin a new year ... and together, we create a new future.

Sincerely,



Dennis Assanis  
President