

Happy Holidays
December 15, 2010

Colleagues,

As this year draws to a close, I know that many of us are already thinking ahead to 2011 and to the fresh new promise the New Year holds. Despite the challenges we faced this year, we can be grateful for our many successes, both large and small.

Our accomplishments were many in 2010, including the groundbreaking of the new Human Health Building and the donation of the new Oakland University/Frankel Center in Macomb County. Our many successes went beyond bricks and mortar to include growth in enrollment, programs, outreach and external funding. All of this is critical to our commitment to Oakland University's rich history of providing the highest quality education, research and service to our students and the community.

The strides that we have made this year and will continue to make next year would not be possible without the thoughtful, dedicated and talented efforts of an outstanding faculty and staff. Your unwavering commitment as we faced adverse and uncertain economic challenges is the catalyst that keeps us moving forward. It is because of your continued good work that our constituents continue to believe in what we do, which they consistently demonstrate through their generous support and contributions. For this, I thank you.

We have a lot to be proud of when we look back at 2010. Your continued participation will play an important role as we turn the page and begin the next chapter in our history book. I wish you joy and peace this holiday season and continued success in 2011.

Sincerely,
Gary