

Thank you for all you do—day in and day out—for the University of Denver and our students. Each of us plays a role in advancing the mission of the University so that we can continue to create knowledge, solve complex problems, prepare students for lives and careers of purpose and make our community and world a better place.

Fall is a wonderful time for all of us involved in higher education. The excitement of seeing new and returning students and new faculty and staff colleagues is palpable, and it reminds us of the important tasks before us in realizing our mission.

As you know, we are guided by the vision of DU IMPACT 2025, which the chancellor created after consultation with thousands of members of our community and beyond. My most significant job as provost and executive vice chancellor is to work with you and others across campus to ensure that we turn that vision into reality.

In and out of classrooms, labs and studios—on and off the playing field and performance stage—we are demonstrating to the world why education matters. We are preparing students to lead the complex and diverse organizations of the 21st century. We are investing in research, scholarship and creative work that expand our understanding of the world. And we are doing so in close partnership with communities near and far.

As we continue to support a more diverse and inclusive community of faculty, staff and students, we recognize the increasing financial burden on students and their families. Each year, the University invests more funds in need-based financial aid—and funding financial aid is now our top fundraising priority. Together, we all play a role in supporting students once they arrive on campus so they can thrive during their time at DU and beyond.

Through your daily work and your generous giving to the University, you have demonstrated your commitment to DU. Thank you again. I wish you all the best as we begin a new academic year.

Sincerely,



Gregg Kvistad  
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

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