Dear Members of the LIU Community,

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to each of you. We have successfully navigated a spring semester unlike any other!

Together, we ensured that Long Island University students stayed on track to safely pursue their educational goals. Appropriate safety protocols were implemented as soon as the Stay-at-Home order was issued. Faculty and students quickly adapted to online learning platforms. Student life continued to hold regular activities allowing students to interact throughout the semester. Our essential workers and food vendors continued to serve those students who chose to remain in our residence halls. We are gratified that no student cases of COVID-19 were reported on campus during the spring semester.

This past week Governor Cuomo shared his plan to reopen New York. That plan includes protocols and a staggered opening to ensure health and safety across the state. It is anticipated that Long Island and New York City will begin to reopen in June.

LIU’s intention is to start the fall semester with in-person classes. We are finalizing our reopening plan and taking all steps to meet the guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Governor Cuomo and New York State. Our plan for reopening provides a comprehensive strategy that considers a myriad of variables. It stresses safety through flexibility and adaptability in the face of uncertainty. It includes social distancing protocols and best practices for campus classrooms, food services and student social life.

We will continue to work tirelessly throughout the summer to ensure the safest and best environment for our entire campus community and will provide you with regular updates. Much of our success will depend on a shared commitment to health and safety. We must all diligently observe social distancing and government recommended best practices, such as frequent hand washing.

It has been my honor and pleasure to work alongside such dedicated faculty, staff and students. Together, we will continue to deliver a high-quality education, pursue cutting-edge research and offer an exciting student experience. I have no doubt that our students, faculty and entire campus community will thrive. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at president@liu.edu.

We look forward to welcoming you back on campus this fall. Go Sharks!

Sincerely,

Kimberly R. Cline
President