Dear Members of the LIU Community,

I want to acknowledge the exceptional teamwork of our community, who came together to deliver a high-quality virtual learning environment. And, I thank LIU students who diligently continued their studies. Facing challenges caused by a pandemic require commitment, resolve and hard work, and victories should be celebrated.

The University expresses appreciation for:

- Our students, who maintained focus on their rigorous coursework amid disruption
- Our faculty, who adjusted their teaching mode to educate students in virtual classrooms, while maintaining important research efforts
- Our employees who keep the University functioning at a high level each day
- Our information technology team, whose anticipatory preparation and weekly assistance supports University operations
- Our donors, who have generously supported the University
- Our alumni who are working as doctors, nurses, pharmacists, other health care professionals and first responders, caring for those in need at the risk of their own wellbeing

This list is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather to underscore those who have sacrificed comfort and convenience for the betterment of the University. Let’s continue to express gratitude. I am so encouraged to witness the proud, unified spirit of Shark Nation.

On Wednesday, May 20th, we will hold virtual Commencements to celebrate our graduates. If government agencies allow, we will also be holding an in-person recognition ceremony during Homecoming, October, 15th-17th. Students will be invited to wear their graduation regalia.

The sacrifice and resiliency of the LIU community is truly remarkable. It serves as a reminder of the great foundation on which the University is built and a harbinger of the bright future at LIU. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to Long Island University.

Sincerely,

Kimberly R. Cline
President