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With the onset of the holiday season, I would like to offer my own personal good wishes to everyone. Through your dedicated effort, this anniversary year of a decade at Edwardsville has been full of happy recollections. More important, we can discover rich resources for optimistic anticipation.

For this, we offer our deep appreciation, both for the professional dedication you have shown in pursuit of your ordinary duties, and for those special gestures of concern.

Let me offer for your thoughts this quote from Georges Walter, a French journalist:

What is inspiration? Never an aimless concept, often a memory or reminiscence, the eruption of incongruous elements from that flea market that clutters every corner of our brain, elements that can unite in such a way that can sometimes astonish or please. The deepest inspiration is sometimes more mysterious. It is a sudden communication with others and the universe, and it is part of what one calls true culture.

May the blessings of the season inspire you and all for whom you care in the happiest ways possible.

John S. Rendleman
President