

CAMPUS VIDEO MESSAGE

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

Hello and welcome to my first video message.

I was pleased to be able to greet so many of you during my welcome address in which I had the chance to share some of the high points of my life and career, and also have you meet my husband, Ron.

During my presentation, I also began charting a course that includes our defining the future of this great university. If you were unable to attend the Jan. 6 address, I invite you to see it in its entirety at the link below.

I have also been pleased to meet many of you as I walked the halls and the campus, attended the art gallery opening, addressed the Academic Senate meeting and the US AID presentation, toured the library and the Arabian Horse Center, or cheered for our women's and men's basketball teams.

While I have already had several exchanges with student leaders, I am now launching my listening tours with faculty and staff across the campus. My intention is to encourage everyone in our vibrant community to voice their hopes and visions, as well as their concerns and suggestions for future success.

This is also a call to action as we work together to further the noble mission of our university. I'll be sharing updates about the tour in the months to come. You can see more details by visiting the link on your screen.

I will share the themes that emerge from our conversations, which will be used to inform our future planning. In addition to the tours, I'll also be sitting down with faculty, staff and student representatives to answer questions. I look forward to meeting all of you personally. And when you see me around the campus, please don't hesitate to say hello. See you soon!