



We certainly wish Dr. Sharma and Mary Lou all the best as they enter retirement and pursue new adventures. And, I thank Alok for his willingness to serve in a leadership position as interim chair for the benefit of our campus.

Finally, I'd like to encourage all prospective and current students to join us for our spring semester. Registration is open, we are actively taking applications, and we are here to help guide you along the path from scheduling to advising and financial aid.

I'll repeat my ask from last week to our faculty and staff to please reach out, connect, and engage with individual prospects and returning students to welcome them back to our classrooms, studios, workshops, and laboratories for Spring 2021. While we are anticipating a hybrid start to spring, we continue to hope for the eventual safe return to campus soon.

Happy holidays to you all, whether you are celebrating the Advent and Christmas season, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa later this month. Please remember to join us for our virtual holiday celebration and compete for some great prizes from our bookstore. You can still submit your best holiday photos or video greetings at [gallup.unm.edu/virtual-holiday-celebration/](https://gallup.unm.edu/virtual-holiday-celebration/).

Please stay safe and stay well.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James R. Malm'. The signature is written over a light blue background that has some faint, colorful patterns or markings.

Dr. James R. Malm, Chancellor  
Professor of Business