Dear students,

Before we break for the holiday season, I wanted to leave you with a few parting words. I know the holidays, typically one of the most joyous seasons, may feel different this year. Many of you would have planned to visit family and close friends abroad and may no longer have the opportunity to do so. For others who typically remain in Canada, the contrast with prior years can still feel stark, especially as we continue to observe the necessary, however difficult, social restrictions put in place to ensure our health and safety.

It is my sincere hope that, despite the challenging circumstances, you will find ways to make the most of your break, taking the time to celebrate your resiliency in a trying year and all that you have managed to accomplish even in the face of unparalleled setbacks. I continue to be impressed by the optimism and perseverance that I have witnessed among students, staff and faculty alike. Our Queen’s community stands tall and strong together, perhaps even more so than we did before.

If it is helpful to you, please find below a list of resources that SGS has curated for your use during the holiday season. The COVID-19 information page for the university, which includes important winter term information for students, will continue to be updated frequently to inform your planning for 2021.

As you close your laptops and books soon, please know you have my best wishes for a lovely holiday break. I look forward to hearing from you again in the New Year.

Warm regards,

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