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To SUNY Poly's Faculty, Staff, and Students:

As 2018 concludes, I am proud to be able to wish you and your families a warm and healthy holiday season and a happy New Year. I am exceedingly grateful for your year-round effort, which is responsible for driving exciting progress at SUNY Polytechnic Institute. Your work is also leading to a more inclusive, positive, and mission-focused institution, enabling greater opportunities for our students, researchers, partners, and stakeholders, as part of a shared, vibrant future.

As many of us take the time to be around close family and friends this time of year, it can also be a time to reflect on 2018. I hope you can find a moment to step back and consider how your dedication to SUNY Poly has made a considerable impact, not only for our institution, but also for the Capital Region and Mohawk Valley, as well as our state and nation. Your work is responsible for numerous SUNY Poly highlights during 2018:

- U.S. News & World Report ranked SUNY Poly 18<sup>th</sup> for its 2019 list of Best Colleges in the Regional Universities North category (out of 141 ranked universities);
- Mechanical Engineering and Nanoscale Engineering programs have earned accreditation by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET), which ensures standards for each program it reviews nationwide. As a result, all of SUNY Poly's engineering and engineering technology programs are now ABET accredited.
- Enrollment at SUNY Poly remained strong, with more than 3,000 students comprising our student body—the most students enrolled at SUNY Poly since 1982;
- We are engaging with partners such as Applied Materials, in addition to the Air Force Research Laboratory and Griffiss Institute to support joint research projects as we continue to find ways to enable innovative opportunities for the future;
- And we are further building academic partnerships that will complement those established in 2018 with MVCC and SUNY Schenectady.

I am excited about all that we have accomplished together. Because of you, I believe that this is just the beginning. I look forward to continuing to work with you in 2019 to further foster SUNY Poly's positive momentum.

As we spend this time of year connecting with our families and friends, I wish you a peaceful and joyous holiday season and a New Year replete with happiness.

Sincerely,

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