



Dear Pepperdine Community,

The Labor Day holiday is an annual recognition of the achievements and contributions of workers in America, incredible in their magnitude and influence: completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, the Model T Ford, the modern submarine, the development of the internet, a man on the moon. On this holiday, street parades and backyard barbecues celebrate the sacrifice, ingenuity, and commitment of those whose work leads to these ongoing foundational accomplishments atop which our nation rises.

This year, we add our own submissions to this list of great achievements and celebrate the sacrifice and commitment of our community to endure and thrive during this time. Without a navigable playbook, together we transitioned a University to remote learning so education and service could continue even during a public health crisis. And this month, when hope and accomplishment were

needed in equal measure, we returned students in-person, restoring long-missing elements of joy and exuberance to our campuses.

While I have always known the special, intangible qualities present at Pepperdine, throughout this journey, I have learned much about the strength of our spirit and the courage of our community. We stood steadfast and resolute in our devotion to students and to one another, demonstrating that, while the pandemic may have changed the way we do some things, it has not changed who we are. This Labor Day, in addition to the acknowledgment of others' good work, I hope you will join me in celebrating our own foundational accomplishment, atop which we will continue to rise.

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