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Dear Colleagues,

Today is my first official day as your chancellor. I consider it job one on day one to reach out to let you know how honored I am to have been selected for this position and how much I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

As some of you know, I moved to Madison from Washington, DC the first week of December and have been able to attend a number of preliminary meetings and events over the past couple weeks. It's been a great way to "get my feet wet" and prepare for the job. For those with whom I have met during that time, thank you so much for being so welcoming and helpful to me.

My goal over the first 3-6 months is to visit as many of our Colleges, facilities, and other offices as possible to begin a conversation with you about your work and your aspirations for these wonderful institutions. I also plan to communicate with you regularly to share my thinking, our reactions to issues that may emerge, and to outline future plans.

The University of Wisconsin System and the Wisconsin Idea are considered by many in the higher education community to be the gold standard in terms of access and service. I know those values are as important to you as they are to me and they will continue to guide our work as we move forward. UW Colleges and UW-Extension, in particular, are poised to play a huge role in helping more Wisconsinites complete degrees and credentials and obtain the knowledge, information, and connections they need to grow and prosper.

Here's the link to my message on our website <http://www.uwex.uwc.edu/chancellor/>

Again, it is an honor to be here and I sincerely look forward to working with you.

All the best,

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