Dear Friends,

Thank you.

Thank you for our time together.

Together we have celebrated, laughed, cried, achieved, advocated, and cheered – and at times we have come up short or exceeded expectations.

We have fought together…not with each other but for each other…and for our future, and the future students, faculty and staff who someday will grace these grand halls of learning, discovery, innovation and creation.

We have rolled up our sleeves together as we have gone about our work, which creates hope and opportunity for all members of society through knowledge.

Indeed, we have lived our promise together, and I implore you to continue to do so.

Leaving is very difficult, but as the Allstate commercial states, UCR is “in good hands”:

- UCR has terrific faculty, staff, students, alumni, community members, friends and benefactors – individually and collectively they – YOU – are passionate, courageous, brilliant, resilient and experienced people
- We have an aspirational vision and plan to get there from here
- We have momentum and unprecedented visibility

From Long Beach, I will keep a fond and proud eye on UCR…I will cheer your success and mourn the dark moments.

I thank you for leaving an indelible and proud mark on me, and for making me a better and wiser person.

For that and so much more, I am eternally grateful.

Click here for an animated card that brings good wishes from my family to you and yours: http://ecard.ucr.edu/holiday-2012.html
Warmly,

Tim

Tim White
Chancellor

Share your thoughts:  http://fridayletters.ucr.edu/leavefeedback

No fear
UCR alumna and youth leadership champion Samantha Wilson is featured in a UCTV Prime series on UC education abroad. Her travels in India and her work in the United States have definitely improved the lives of young people.

www.uctv.tv/study-abroad
**Center is doubly blessed**
The California Center for Native Nations is blessed with great scholarship, and now has also received a Serrano-Cahuilla ceremony blessing the structure where it is housed. The center is dedicated to preserving the history, culture, language and sovereignty of California tribes, and connects tribes with UC researchers whose expertise can help solve problems unique to native nations.

[http://ucrtoday.ucr.edu/10714](http://ucrtoday.ucr.edu/10714)

**This garden will grow strong**
Best wishes and warm sunshine to UCR’s Community Garden, just relocated to a spot near Lot 30. Fortino Morales is the staff leader of a mostly-student workforce that will make good things happen on this plot of land.

[https://plus.google.com/photos/114147088906957527953/albums/5819241985045729137/5819241985825118946](https://plus.google.com/photos/114147088906957527953/albums/5819241985045729137/5819241985825118946)

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