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Dear Faculty and Staff:

Last year we had a highly successful beginning to our Scholarship Wall which is designed to highlight the intellectual and creative power of our faculty and staff. Today we have nearly 150 book covers and creative works artfully displayed on the third floor atrium of the Foster Administration Building.

As I said when we unveiled the Scholarship Wall, in some ways the most exciting part of this exhibit are the open spaces. They represent the ideas yet to be spoken, songs yet to be sung, experiments yet to be done, art work yet to be created. So today, I ask you to think about filling in these spaces.

This celebration of scholarship and creative work will be an annual event. Each May, beginning today, we will call for books that have been published during the previous 12 months to be added to our Scholarship Wall display. This year we will also have one last round for books published prior to 2005. Please send your book jackets to Joyce LeBlanc in the Chancellor's Office by August 1st for framing.

Each year there will be a theme to the scholarly works celebration, creating an opportunity to also highlight other scholarly endeavors such as grants, journal publications, musical performances, art works, and significant professional service. Each year we will have a theme for the celebration that highlights various works. For this fall's celebration we thought we might focus on work that link disciplines under the theme, "Building New Bridges: Ideas that Create Connections."

The celebration this fall will be on Tuesday, September 13, from 4-6 p.m. at the Foster Administration Building, third floor atrium and Board Room. Unveiling the new book additions will be part of the larger celebration. We look forward to opening the '05 - '06 academic year with a focus on faculty achievements. Please plan to be there.

Most sincerely,

Jean F. MacCormack
Chancellor