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Dear Communication Studies Students,

As you begin the final exam period, I would like to wish all of you the best of luck! Thank you for the patience and strength you have exhibited over the course of the last few months. Moving to an on-line learning environment with little warning was quite difficult. And, I can report that your faculty is aware that we have benefited from your perseverance more than a few times since early March.

For our students who are completing degree requirements, congratulations! I wish you the best in your future endeavors. UGA is planning an October graduation ceremony. The Department of Communication Studies anticipates hosting an afternoon recognition reception for graduates. I look forward to seeing many of you then.

I hope that public health conditions will improve in Georgia and across the county in the next few months so that we can offer in-person classes beginning in August for returning students. As you know, the Department has a dedicated faculty, and we will strengthen that group with the addition of two new Assistant Professors in the fall. One of the great things about working at UGA is walking through downtown Athens after students have returned to campus. I believe this is a very special place and look forward to sharing it once again.

Wishing each of you the very best.

Sincerely,

Edward Panetta
Professor and Head
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