



SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

January 11, 2023

Dear Friends,

Welcome back to Charney Hall!

I hope your time away from campus has been restful and restorative, and that you were able to connect with loved ones this holiday season. As we continue to brave the storm, I want to remind you all that your safety is always our first priority. The university and the law school are continually monitoring the weather conditions and preparing for any extreme conditions that would make it unsafe for travel to and from campus. We will continue to keep you apprised of any adjustments in law school operations needed to keep you safe.



Despite the inclement weather and the emergence of new COVID-19 variants, I remain optimistic that our law school community will continue to persevere in the face of adversity as we have done in past years. As we usher in the new semester, I urge everyone to take care of themselves and to approach the coming months with a sense of hope and grace. The law school is committed to our common pursuit of *Cura Personalis*, care for the whole person. I encourage you to reflect upon how you may practice loving care for each other in the new year.

In this spirit of loving care and kindness, let us celebrate the upcoming Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday as we rededicate ourselves to realizing the dream of Dr. King, continuing our work to take concrete steps to build a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive community of legal scholars and educators, dedicated staff, extraordinary students, loyal alumni, community partners, and University colleagues. In honor of MLK day next week, the law school will be hosting an event on Tuesday, January 17 at noon, and I invite all of you to participate in person in Charney 101 or virtually

at <https://santaclarauniversity.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=e4ad36a7-326e-4ef9-8b7a-af87000d1ab8>. I have great faith that with your ongoing assistance, we will continue to build the future of justice, a future that is diverse, equitable and inclusive, and one in which participatory democracy and the rule of law are protected as precious instruments of reconciliation and social justice.

May you all have a wonderful Spring semester ahead. Rain or shine, we will continue to rise together!

With warm regards and immense gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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