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President Curtis- End of the Year Speech

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Hello Sycamores,
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I hope you're enjoying the Spring weather
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on our beautiful campus.
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As Finals Week begins and as we near the end
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of the academic year, there is so much for the Sycamore Family
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to celebrate and so many reasons to be
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optimistic about the future.
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This weekend, we'll be together for an in-person Commencement,
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which is a testament to your vigilance and your resilience.
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Thank you for persevering during unusual times.
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Students, I know you'll stay focused and finish the semester
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strong during finals.
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It has been a productive semester, with great progress
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toward meeting the objectives of Advancing Inclusive Excellence.
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Those objectives are integral to the Strategic
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Plan that will guide Indiana State University into the year
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2025.
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A lot of hard work across campus has
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gone into formulating the "Focusing
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on Our Future Together" strategic plan, which
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our trustees will review this week.
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Our students, faculty and staff have
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accomplished much during this semester,
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despite the challenges.
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I hope each and every one of you will
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take some well-deserved time off during the summer.
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Please focus on some self-care moments to recharge and relax.
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We appreciate your dedication, and at the same time,
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we want you to be well.
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Our people are why ISU thrives, and this truth

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will not change as we strive to do great things.

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If you haven't been vaccinated yet, please do so.

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It is important to ensuring a return to as close to normal

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as possible in the fall.

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It will be a joyful time, going back

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to our campus traditions and academic life

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as they were before the pandemic.

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We move ahead with important reminders

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that the state and the private sector

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have great confidence in the impact of Indiana State

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Our latest state-funded capital project, the Dreiser Hall

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renovation, will be ready for classes in January 2022.

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The \$6.5-million Lilly Endowment grant will impact diversity

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and inclusion by addressing disparities in graduation

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rates.

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That and many other generous gifts will make ISU even better

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at developing leaders of the future.

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The higher education landscape is shifting,

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and if we are to continue to fulfill our mission,

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we must adapt to changes.

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It is imperative that we continue

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to develop a culture and infrastructure in which we meet

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learners at a time, place, and manner that

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meshes with their lives.

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Demographic reality shows us that

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will be vital for ISU's continued success.

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A post-pandemic environment requires a thoughtful and fresh

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perspective on how we will meet the educational needs

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of our students, wherever they may be.

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I have tremendous optimism in the people of ISU

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to meet these and other challenges.

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You are smart and resourceful.

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You make ISU a place where so many students engage

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in a transformative education while on their path

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to becoming loyal Sycamores for a lifetime.

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Have a great week and Go Sycamores!

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