

September 2019

Greetings from Montezuma.

What a start to the year! In addition to our usual excitement with orientation, wilderness excursions, the beginning of classes, the ExEd Fair, and multiple ceremonies big and small to mark the beginning of a new year together, we have already begun to experiment with what it means to be a “microcosm of the world” trying to create peace and a sustainable future by our efforts. I want to call out two things that have occupied my attention in these early days of the year.



Our new Wednesday morning campus service model has me inspired! There is something incredibly powerful about taking time out to labor side by side in service of improving our campus for everyone’s enjoyment and safety. There is also something incredibly powerful about expressing our gratitude to all who labor long hours to support our classroom, experiential, and residential experience by joining them and serving under their leadership. I hear people talk all the time about community. How powerful to experience it in this special way! I only wish I could split myself in two and be in town at the same time--our work in Las Vegas matters, not just because of what we give, but because of what we learn from our local community members. Thanks to all who are making Wednesday mornings possible!

The proposals and discussions around the Climate Strike have also inspired me, even as they have deepened my appreciation of how difficult it is to find common ground in a diverse community. Everyone I have talked to agrees about the importance of climate change and our responsibility to address it. But what a diversity of opinions on how to do this!

I look forward to seeing and speaking with many alumni as I travel in the coming months. One of the great pleasures of this job is sharing with alumni what is happening on campus while listening to alumni and sharing their perspectives with the campus community.

My very best,

-Victoria

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