



NAROPA UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Members of the Naropa Community:

Gratitude is the memory of the heart. ~Jean Baptiste Massieu, translated from the French.

I want to express my grateful thanks to every member of the Naropa community for your involvement and participation in the inaugural service last weekend. Although I have seen other presidential inaugurations, I have never seen, much less experienced, anything like the warmth and spirit of community exhibited to me and my guests throughout the events of inauguration week.

The kindness and generosity exhibited, the spirit of participation extended by all corners of the Naropa community, and the enthusiasm expressed throughout the week, helped make each event a rich statement about the community that is evident at Naropa University and at the same time highlighted the value of the education that we provide our students.

I am constantly overwhelmed by the outpouring of support that you have extended to me in these first few months, and want you to know that it has been the capstone of my early days here to have such a warm and welcoming response to this new administration. Naropa is too good not to be better, but I remind you all, that you are a wonderful and amazing tapestry of diverse backgrounds, cultures and experiences and you are an amazing group of people that I am humbled and honored to lead.

There is much work to be done in the days ahead, but I thank you for making these opening days such a tremendously wonderful experience for me, my family and our guests.

In the spirit of service,

Stuart C. Lord, President