



January 28, 2011

Dear Community:

### **Contemplation for the week:**

*"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."*  
~Robert Louis Stevenson

We live in a results oriented world, and can easily fall into the trap of judging what we do by the immediacy of results. Obviously, we should be wise and evaluate our work and choices, but when we focus on doing what we know to be right, we have to be aware that sometimes it takes time for those seeds to blossom.

Reflecting on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. recently, it was brought home to me yet again that his work, while far from complete, has helped to shape the attitudes of our culture today. He wrote, "If you lose hope, somehow you lose the vitality that keeps life moving, you lose that courage to be, that quality that helps you to go on in spite of all. And so today I still have a dream." (*The Trumpet of Conscience*, 1968)

I am grateful to the students who planned the Martin Luther King Day gathering on Wednesday and planted seeds of conscience and commitment. I am grateful to the many faculty and staff members who plant seeds on a daily basis that help Naropa move forward. I am thankful to those who daily plant seeds in their daily work and studies that reflect the values of Naropa University.

Hope is the understanding that we are planting seeds today for the generations of tomorrow. Students, you are planting seeds in what you learn and how you learn

to engage that education. We are all planting seeds by the way we communicate, the way we interact and the way we represent our values. Yet planting seeds requires intentionality; it requires a personal willingness to be mindful of what I do every day, and it requires making choices with the long-term view as I plant seeds of kindness and love.

## Appreciations

A special appreciation this week to Danielle Poitras in our Marketing and Communications Department. Danielle is a graduate of Naropa, and one staff member commented, “Danielle consistently is supportive and encouraging, creating an environment of care and compassion in the way she goes about the work of the University.”

Thank you Danielle (and the whole team in Marketing and Communications) for your faithful work!

***Remember, if you want to nominate someone for an appreciation, just respond to this email.***

## The Awakening the Dreamer Symposium

Next Sunday, February 6, Naropa University will host the “Awakening the Dreamer” Symposium. I had the privilege of learning from the facilitator, Kit Tennis, at the Academy of Management conference held last August in Montreal. I want to encourage our staff, faculty and students to join me in participating.

Registration begins at noon on February 6, and the event runs from 12:30-5:30 p.m. in Room 9180 at the Nalanda Campus. There is a \$20 suggested donation, but no one will be turned away. Naropa students may attend **free of charge**. All participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle and cloth napkin. Space is limited, so please RSVP via email to [ENVGradAsst@naropa.edu](mailto:ENVGradAsst@naropa.edu).

## Board of Trustees meetings

I want to make the community aware that the Board of Trustees will be in town for meetings, February 17-19, 2011. Our Authentic Leadership Program will be meeting on campus during that same time, so the Trustees will be meeting offsite, at the Westin Hotel in Westminster, for their meetings. We generally prefer to have board meetings on campus, but in order to prioritize both class and program schedules, the Board of Trustees will be meeting in Westminster. While we know this is not as convenient in many ways, we are currently investigating

transportation possibilities to bring people to open sessions. As further details are confirmed we will let you know, but please hold the date for these sessions.

### **State of the University: Online!**

If you missed the State of the University Address on Wednesday, it is available for viewing on the UStream website. You may click here for the video:

<http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/12263697>

### **Graduation: May 7, 2011**

Please save the date for the Spring Graduation on May 7. Graduation will be held at Macky Auditorium on the University of Colorado Campus.

As always, thank you Naropa community for making this a wonderful place to work!

Go Naropa!

With best regards,  
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