



April 8, 2011

Dear Community:

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

*“When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.” ~John Muir*

As we watch what is now a greater calamity befalling the people of Japan, and in light of the recent visit to campus of Joanna Macy, we should be mindful that we are all interconnected to one another and that the earth on which we live is a precious resource, something we must guard with respect and appreciation.

This level of connection extends even beyond our connection to the planet on which we live but also extends to our interconnectedness with one another. You have heard the axiom, “what affects one of us, affects all of us.” We are connected to one another in thousands of ways. As we consider the most recent aftershocks in Japan, and the tremendous challenges that the people of Japan face, let us consider ways that we can show our support whether it be through our own practice, reaching out to a colleague whose family may be affected or making a donation.

### **Appreciations**

A student recently wrote, “I would like to nominate Lisa Constantino, Director of Housing to receive appreciation/acknowledgement. Lisa has worked tirelessly and devoted countless hours to insure the stability and success of the University Housing department. She continually radiates a genuine concern for the success of students throughout their growth process at Snow Lion. In addition, she has gone above and

beyond to facilitate programming around diversity issues across campus as well as always being available to listen to and advocate for students and staff.”

Thank you, Lisa, for your genuine support of our students and for your leadership in our Housing Office!

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

## **Totally Unique!**

The website “BestCollegesOnline.com” recently posted an article entitled, “10 U.S. Colleges That Are Totally Unique.” You can find that article at <http://www.bestcollegesonline.com/blog/2011/03/07/10-u-s-colleges-that-are-totally-unique/>

See if you recognize at least one of the “totally unique” universities listed!

## **Senior Vice President for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer Candidates**

Thursday, April 14, from 1:30-3:00 pm, Candidate Gregory Redlin will be with us as he meets with various constituencies for the position of Senior Vice President for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer. This meeting will be held in the Administrative Conference Room, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Administration Building, and we encourage all who are able to attend to be present.

Our final candidate, Richard Metz, will be with us on Monday, April 18, and the public meeting is scheduled from 9:30-11:00 am in the Administrative Conference Room. Copies of the candidate’s resumes, as well as evaluation forms will be available at each session.

## **Annual President’s Awards**

We will soon be reaching out for nominations of the annual President’s Service Awards. We want to let the community know ahead of time, that in order to streamline the graduate celebration and to make that event student-centered, the President Awards will now be acknowledged at Convocation at the start of the academic year. We will still recognize individuals, but will do so when the majority of their peers are able to be present and celebrate together.

## **The President’s Tea**

Our monthly *President's Tea* will be held on Thursday, April 14 from 4:30-5:30 pm in the Lincoln Gallery, on the first floor of the Lincoln Building. This will be our last tea for this academic year, so I encourage you to come join us for a time where we can enjoy one another's company.

## **Leading Conversations**

I was recently interviewed by Cheryl Esposito for the Voice America Business channel online. The interview is being posted today, and can be accessed by visiting: <http://www.voiceamerica.com/episode/53072/living-leadership-dignity-honor-respect-love-generosity>

## **Day of Service and Learning**

I want to encourage the community to attend the Day of Service and Learning being held next Saturday, April 16, from 8:30am to 4:00 pm, depending on which service project you choose. The day will begin at the Nalanda Events Center, and then will move to various service sites in the local community. Some sites for service include:



**Abbondanza Organic Seeds and Produce**

**BeadforLife**

**Birds of Prey Foundation**

**Boulder Housing Partners**

**Boulder Shelter**

**Hospice Care and Share Thrift Shop**

**Project YES**

**Sister Carmen Community Center**

**YWCA**

**League of Love and Random Acts of Kindness Bike Ride**

If you want to participate, please reserve your space with a service project by Wednesday, April 13, by visiting [www.naropa.edu/dayofservice](http://www.naropa.edu/dayofservice).

Thank you for being interconnected with me and for the depth of community we share.

Go Naropa!

In the spirit of service,

Stuart C. Lord, President

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