

100 Days at UM-Flint | November 4, 2014

Dear Campus Community:

This week marks my first 100 days at the University of Michigan-Flint. It is amazing how fast the time has gone! I have been incredibly touched by the willingness of so many to reach out and help to acclimate me to the campus and community. It is clear that both our campus community and the residents of Flint are proud that the University is here and excited by what we can accomplish together.

As I have visited with various groups around campus, I have truly enjoyed hearing about your work, your stories, and your hopes for the future. I have had the chance to hear some of our faculty share their best practices and their research projects. I have heard staff describe the many ways in which they provide support daily for students and faculty in addition to hearing from lots of students about their experiences on our campus. And, if you have not had a chance to meet our Student Government President Nakshidil Sadien, let me tell you, she is a rock star!

Much has taken place during these first weeks on campus. Alumnus Bobby Crim made a \$500,000 gift to student scholarships at UM-Flint. The new Intercultural Center opened. The University of Michigan Board of Regents held their October meeting on campus. We welcomed author Jonathon Kozol to a packed house as part of the annual Common Read. The Nursing Department opened a new nursing simulation lab in honor of their 40th anniversary on campus. This university has an energy and vibrancy that I appreciate.

You have heard me say that we will build our vision together and I remain committed first and foremost to increasing student success and degree completion. Increasing student success will necessitate providing additional support for students and faculty. We have been reviewing the data to determine where to make tactical and strategic next steps and identifying potential resources to support these efforts.

As I continue to learn all I can about UM-Flint, I am very interested in hearing from as many of you as I can about our University. If we have not yet had a chance to visit I would like to ask you to take a few moments to answer a few questions by clicking this link:

<https://formassembly.umflint.edu/2714>. Your feedback is important to me.

These 100 days have been exciting, fun and full! Thank you for welcoming me to UM-Flint, and working with me for the collective good of our campus and community.

Sincerely,

Sue Borrego, Chancellor