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Dear CSS members,

Welcome to the 2021/2022 year, and what a year it is. I hope you are all keeping well as we continue in uncharted waters.

Never before have your peers served at a time like this, in a pandemic of this magnitude, this persistence, and with all its attendant challenges.

It is certainly a test, and a leadership challenge that you will remember for the rest of your lives.

With all challenges of course, comes opportunity, so together we must continue to address the circumstances of this unusual and disruptive period we are in, while also looking to the future.

CSS has always looked ahead, to shape, and help build a better Campus, and student experience at UTSC, but never has it had to do so, while confronted so heavily by the moment at hand, one filled with such uncertainty.

Despite this, I am confident we will find ways of addressing the challenges brought our way by Covid, and find new ways of moving forward, as we transition from this pandemic while continuing to support and build a stellar student experience for future years, and future students. This is what legacy entails, and no doubt, you will once again rise to the occasion with eyes focused not only on now, but the years ahead, and what we will look like, as we gaze into the rearview mirror of this pandemic.

I very much look forward to this year's deliberations. Together, we are stronger and equipped for a brighter tomorrow.

Walk Good.

Sincerely,



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