



News from Across the EVP Division

Winter 2016

Message from Craig

December is a complicated time of year sometimes evoking mixed emotions. The joy and spirit of the holiday season, can mingle with twinges of sadness for the recently departed. The excitement of a new year filled with great possibilities, sits alongside our reflecting upon another year gone by, and, the inevitable reality of being a year older.

This conflicting feeling stems from human nature. None of us live in a world of either this, or that. We all live in a world of both this, and that.

Like in any presidential election year, change ripples across the nation, our communities and even college campuses. And Penn is in many ways a microcosm of our whole global society; where a stroll along Locust Walk puts a lot of **both this and that** on full display. As an institution dedicated to teaching, research and service, such pluralism needs our support.

As we enter 2017 it is unknown what challenges we face, only that we will face them. And when these challenges do arise, I encourage all of us to adopt the mindset of both this, and that.

As people we react emotionally to situations, and while it may not feel natural, it is important that all of us at Penn - a tremendous community serving society in ways too numerous to count - continue to serve **both** researchers and patients; **both** scholars and students. And as an extension of being the largest private workforce in the city, acknowledge that how we operate serves **both** the citizens and economy of our region.

And it is in that spirit that I thank each and everyone one of you for both your service and dedication to Penn. As we prepare for 2017, I know we can all *keep both feet on the ground, see the best of both worlds*, and when required *burn the candles at both ends*.

As always, you have both my gratitude and respect as the finest colleagues imaginable. My personal best wishes to you and your families for a wonderful holiday season and a restful Winter Break.

Best,

Craig



Craig's Tip of the Month

[Penn partners with the YMCA, New member referrals earn a free month!](#)

Craig's Tip of the Holiday Season

[PersonalShip is a service that provides members of the Penn community the opportunity to benefit from the University's discounted rates to send packages via express mail.](#)

[Pet Photos with Santa 2016! Proceeds Benefit Penn Vet Working Dog Center.](#)

Craig's List

(not to be confused with Craigslist)

[ISC's Cloud First Program positions Penn for the future of IT.](#)

[Campus continues to be recognized for award-winning development.](#)

[Penn Dining introduces new Faculty & Staff Dining Plans, includes discounts, on-line preordering and delivery.](#)

[January 2017 begins bicycle commuting expense reimbursement.](#)

[Penn Bookstore's Annual Winter Sale-a-bration Thursday, Dec. 8 and Friday, Dec. 9. Save 20% on storewide gift items.](#)

[SRFS Connects the Recipients and the Donors of Endowed Scholarships at Annual Celebration Register for Winter Break Special Checks December 19 - January 8](#)

[Penn Ranks #1 in Safety and Security for Tenth Year in a Row.](#)

[Budget Office rolls out a new cloud-based version of Planning; help users learn new features.](#)

[Penn receives \\$20,000 grant under the American Cancer Society and CVS Health Foundation's Tobacco-Free Generation Campus Initiative; recognizes tobacco-free campus culture.](#)



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