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We made it to December! This year has felt both long, and as if time has flown by. One thing I can certainly say, is that despite the unforeseen and numerous challenges of 2020, I am happy that we at University of The Bahamas have survived and thrived in many areas. I extend my heartfelt thanks to faculty, staff and administrators who overcame each challenge and put in extra effort to ensure that our students, parents and vendors had the best possible experience this semester.

This week I have gotten messages about kindness. A message from one of my tea bags read "Socialize with compassion, kindness and grace" and a quote from Bob Kerry said, "Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change."

As we get excited about the holiday season and prepare our homes for quality time with family spent over good meals, we must remember those in our community who are in need and extend a little kindness to them. Let us commit to embracing the Christian principle of being our brothers' and sisters' keepers and supporting those who need it most. In addition, let us choose to support Bahamian businesses this Christmas season. This year has been very taxing on small Bahamian businesses in particular, and they too need our kindness and support.

Please continue to spread joy and send inspiring quotes or scriptures to presidentsoffice@ub.edu.bs. Please stay safe and be encouraged.

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