



## FTPD-Issue 15

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It is my absolute pleasure to welcome everyone to the Spring 2021 semester at University of The Bahamas. This semester will be another virtual one; allowing our students to continue their academic pursuits, while maintaining safety for everyone. 2020 was certainly a challenging year, but there were many lessons and opportunities for learning and growth. I am confident that, not only will 2021 be a better year, it will be a year of purposeful living, smart risk taking, and commitment to being the best versions of ourselves.

Media mogul Oprah Winfrey said “There is no greater gift you can give or receive than to honor your calling. It’s why you were born. And how you become most truly alive.” Impacting lives through education is my calling; and at this point in my career I especially want to impact Bahamian lives. Being able to serve as President of University of The Bahamas and see the growth, improvements, changes and enhancements over the last few years has been extremely rewarding. As my team and I continue to navigate new ways of delivering quality education, and growing our national university, it is imperative that we all make it purposeful, and in 2021 that is what we will be doing.

I challenge you to engage in purposeful living this year. When you wake up every morning, make it your goal to live the day with determination and intent. Yes, we are still in a pandemic and survival and safety is paramount, but living with purpose will add the extra drive that we need to keep us going. On any given day our purpose can also change. While there are big things that call us to service, there are also the small, everyday things. We can remember to be kind to others, we can continue to find creative ways to celebrate milestones, and we can choose to empathise with others.

Let us also continue to make smart choices. COVID-19 is still a threat. We must continue to be vigilant about our health and adhere to the Emergency Orders. Wear your mask, wash your hands, and limit possible exposure by cutting out unnecessary outings. Be sure to educate yourself from reputable sources about COVID-19 vaccinations.

I wish everyone a safe, prosperous and purposeful 2021!

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Please stay safe and be encouraged.

