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Dear Members of the University Family, the pandemic is not over. We are still in crisis mode. Many of us have been affected in one way or another by this pandemic. Many of us are grieving the loss of someone we loved or someone we knew. May their souls rest in peace.

This is not the time to give up. It is the time to be strong. It is the time to show just how we, as Bahamians, are determined to survive. Over the span of our history, our journey has been about the struggle to survive and to excel.

We are a very strong people. Many of us have come up the hard way and we were not defeated ... we will not be defeated now. Let us take what God has shown through the strength and determination of Shaunae and Steven, as our own personal lesson. We must continue to push forward and not give in. We must continue to practice social distancing and wear masks. We must continue to protect ourselves and the lives of others we care about so deeply by getting vaccinated.

Social media has been inundated with fake news and misinformation. Be careful of the kinds of thoughts you are allowing to enter your mind. Brainwashing is real. Thoughts are like seeds. What is planted grows. If you plant seeds of misinformation, then your mind will grow misinformation weeds.

Remember that our strongest weapon is the weapon of HOPE. We must all hope for and expect the best as we continue to move forward as one people.

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I am personally grateful for every member of the UB faculty, for every member of the UB staff, who have worked so very hard to ensure that this great University continues to meet its challenges and achieve so much. Thank you for your commitment. Thank you for your loyalty. Thank you for your leadership. May God continue to richly bless each of you and your families.

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

