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As a veteran educator, I have always tried, not only to educate, but to do something extraordinary through education. In 2016, when The College of The Bahamas transitioned and University of The Bahamas was chartered, I felt then (while not the first time) that as President we accomplished something extraordinary. While this pandemic has created lots and lots of challenges, I think it's also time to think about and put our energies into doing extraordinary things that can bring positive change.

Standup comedian Johnny Corn said "We have a chance to do something extraordinary. As we head out of this pandemic we can change the world. Create a world of love. A world where we are kind to each other. A world where we are kind no matter what class, race, sexual orientation, what religion or lack of, or what job we have. A world [in which] we don't judge those at the food bank because that may be us if things were just slightly different. Let love and kindness be our roadmap." I wholeheartedly agree with him.

Let us all decide to do something extraordinary; we can begin by simply showing our neighbours and friends more love, kindness and empathy. Those three things are so easy to do, and they make a world of difference in our community and in the world. Let's get our creative juices flowing; write down and develop ideas and dreams; start new partnerships and businesses that will flourish; paint, write, dance, and make music, all in pursuit of adding something precious and extraordinary to our lives. Let us focus on the goodness inside each of us and do our part in creating a new world.

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