



November 21, 2012

Dear Ship family:

As the fall 2012 semester winds down this Thanksgiving, it is the perfect time to reflect on the year, to give thanks for what has been most special to us, and to dream of the future. Shortly, the 2012 holiday season — Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Muharram and other celebrations — will be upon us, and we will share the joy of our family traditions. And after, we will look to the future as we make our New Year's resolutions for 2013!

In light of the time, I want to share some of the things for which I am thankful:

- The members of the campus community who make Ship such an outstanding institution — from our students who bring curiosity and enthusiasm to campus to our faculty members who instill their love of learning in the students to our staff members who support our efforts to provide an education of excellence to our alumni who continue their successes around the world.
- Opportunities to serve the region through our many academic and outreach programs.
- The completed Anthony F. Ceddia Union Building — what a facility! And the soon-to-be open Phase 1 residence halls ... and on into Phases II and III of the student housing project.
- Motivated students who excel inside and outside the classroom.
- Outstanding faculty members whose classroom expertise is exceeded only by their dedication to our students and the soon to be completed Academic Master Plan that will guide the university for the next five years and beyond.
- The beginning of the public phase of the comprehensive campaign — “Charting the Course, Lighting the Way – The Campaign for Shippensburg University” — which is off to a great start with \$27 million raised toward a goal of \$45 million and the support we receive from alumni and friends who understand and appreciate all that Ship does and provides. Thanks to you and so many others for this success.

And, I have one main wish for 2013 and beyond — great joy and success to everyone in all you do!

Simran Khurana said: “If you treat Thanksgiving Day as a mere custom, then you are missing out on the true meaning of the holiday. As much as we enjoy Thanksgiving for the dinner and the festivities, we must also rejoice for our good fortune. So, have fun with your family this thanksgiving, but don't forget to say thank you.”

So, thanks to you, the entire Ship family, the inner spirit of this great university burns brightly. As we end this calendar year, I look forward to continuing the great success of OUR Shippensburg University in providing an education of value with national and global quality!!!!

Thanks,