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Dear Students,

This last week marked the end of a very divisive election season. As with an election in the United States, some are pleased with the election outcome while others feel deeply troubled.

I am reaching out to you now to emphasize the University's full commitment to bringing the brightest students, faculty and staff from around the United States and the world together at DePauw. The most transformative learning occurs when diverse perspectives converge both inside and outside the classroom. This is our strength. We will continue DePauw's progress through this time of division by listening to one another and extending genuine care for those around us, even when the topics being discussed are difficult.

Throughout its history, DePauw has been a leader in International Education, welcoming its first international students in 1877 from Japan. In this moment, I would like to reiterate DePauw's commitment to international education and to our international students as vital members of the academic community. They bring immeasurable academic and cultural value to both our campus and to the town of Greencastle.

DePauw is and will remain committed to creating a future in which all our students can freely exchange ideas, where debating difficult issues is encouraged, and where bigotry is driven away by cultivating mutual respect and understanding. I urge each member of our community – alumni, students, faculty and staff – to take an active role in making our campus a place where we all feel valued.

In closing, I want to share words of wisdom from J. William Fulbright: "Our future is not in the stars but in our own minds and hearts. Creative leadership and liberal education, which in fact go together, are the first requirements for a hopeful future for humankind."

All good things,

D. Mark McCoy
President