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Dear Friends,

Earlier this week, The University of Scranton kicked off its celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

The national theme of the month for this year is “Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation,” as designated by The National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers (NCHEPM). The winning theme was submitted by Ms. Illy Soares, a supervisory accountant at the Farm Credit Administration. In explaining the spirit behind her submission, Ms. Soares talked about how a desire to be included and represented across American society is a “...uniting factor within our Hispanic community.” “Hispanics in the United States,” she says, “are a diverse group who bring a rich combination of language, culture, educational backgrounds, and experience to the great American experiment.”

In light of our shared commitment to the dignity of the human person, this idea of inclusivity seems a fitting message for this important month. On a more personal note, when I sent out a similar message to the University community at this time last year, I found a note under my apartment door shortly thereafter. The note read “Dear Fr. Marina, Thank you for recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month. It means a lot to students like me.” I decided to keep the note and use it as a bookmark.

So let us take some time to reflect, remember and recognize our Hispanic and LatinX sisters and brothers who have done and are doing so much to advance the mission of the University. Their contributions enrich us all.

I encourage you to join in the spirit of our celebration by taking advantage of the many events that are being planned throughout the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully,

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President