Dear Seniors' College Members,

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Directors, to extend best wishes to you all for a very Happy Holiday.

At this time I would also like to thank our Curriculum Chair, Heather Schellinck and her wonderful team of coordinators, their "helpers", the class managers, and Sue Hawkes, our Office Manager, for all their efforts in making the fall term the great success that our Feedback Coordinator, Mimi Little, assures us it was.

We have had several members offer to volunteer for SCANS in the last several weeks, and for this we are most appreciative! As an organization run for the most part by volunteers we have to ensure that as longer term members of the Board and Curriculum Committee retire from their positions newer volunteers are prepared and ready to step into those positions. As always, we encourage you to please think about becoming a Seniors'College volunteer.

We are also pleased to report that we have been actively engaged in finding new and larger venues. This winter we will be using Hope United Church on Connaught Avenue for the first time. Another new venue, St. Paul's United Church in Spryfield, proved to be an excellent location for the Jazz Essentials class in the fall term. We are always open to suggestions from you for venues that will be large enough for bigger classes, have ample parking, on a bus route, and are accessible. Of course, we also have to bear in mind that sometimes instructors choose to limit the size of their class, so smaller venues are also required. Please be reassured that we always ask those instructors who prefer smaller classes if they are available to repeat the course another term.

Thanks to all of you for your participation in completing our Members' Survey, We were very pleased with your enthusiastic support and appreciate the positive comments we heard from so many of you in terms of the quality of the survey. A report will be submitted by our marketing consultant Tony Schellinck to the Board in January, and the survey results will be posted online. We will let you know when it is available.

We thank all our Chapter and Faculty Coordinators for arranging such an interesting array of course offerings for the winter term. As you know, the brochures for the winter term are now available both in print and online. Information and Registration sessions will be held during the week of January 6. We look forward to seeing you then!

Again, our very best wishes to you for a wonderful holiday, and for a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Warm Regards, Lois Block and the Seniors' College Board of Directors. December 9, 2019