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Dear students,

Let's make St. Patrick's Day, and every day, a time we can celebrate well after the event!

I would like to take the opportunity to express my thanks for the outstanding character that you continue to display through your studies and through your community engagement, both on and off campus.

Your contributions make an important statement on behalf of the University to our host communities across the region. However, we know that the contributions and achievements made by many can be overshadowed by the actions of even a few.

As St. Patrick's Day approaches, I am writing to directly ask that you all join the majority of your student colleagues in being exemplary Brock students who value and respect our relationship with our neighbours in communities across the region.

Your academic and professional successes are valued here at Brock, and our faculty and staff work hard in supporting these outcomes. Likewise, Brock's Student Services staff work in collaboration with Brock University Students' Union, the Graduate Students Association and local Town and Gown committees to support the welcome that students who live off-campus enjoy in their neighbourhoods.

So, I ask that you be a member of the Brock team in your own way, finding opportunities to add to and live up to these values of respectfully engaging and conducting activities in neighbourhoods where you live.

It is important for you to know that we have engaged with mayors across the region and with the Niagara Regional Police, so that Brock Security Services are able to patrol off-campus neighbourhoods and report on activities that may violate bylaws or warrant police action. This is being done to help protect the rights of our neighbours, and to encourage students to make safe choices if they choose to celebrate.

Please know that where infractions do take place, we at Brock will consider all of our options under the Student Code of Conduct, and officials across the region will also explore their range of options, including municipal, provincial and federal laws.

We know that each of you are proud to be members of the Brock team, and if assistance is needed, please contact Campus Security at 688-5550 ext 3200 for support.

Let's make this a special St Patrick's Day for all of us. I hope it is one you will feel proud of when you see the pictures on social media that your future employers and colleagues will also be seeing, now and in years to come.

Sincerely,

Gervan Fearon
President and Vice-Chancellor, Brock University