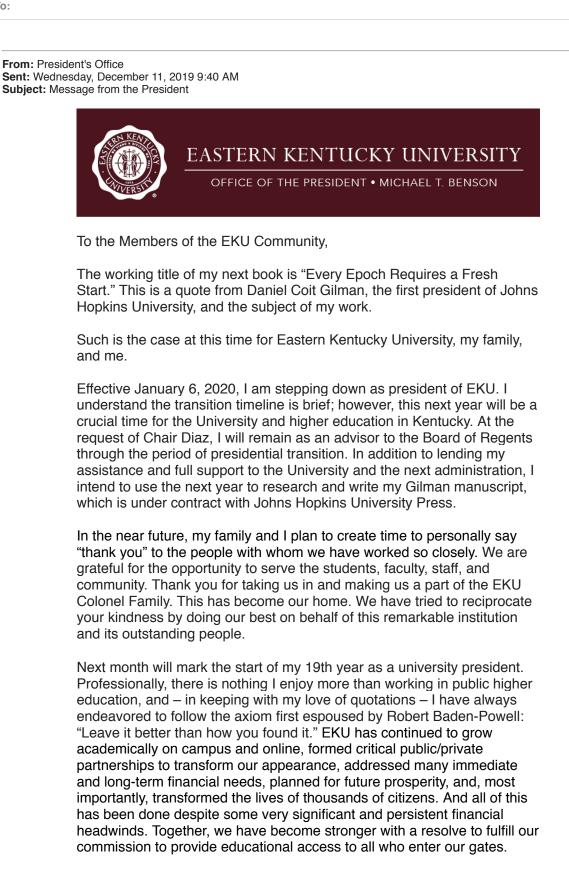
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Friday, I will shake hands with hundreds of our newest graduates, and there is no prouder moment as a university president than seeing this milestone of personal achievement for our students. I wish you all the very best and know you will represent your alma mater to the fullest.

My hope going forward is that the state and all supporters of EKU will continue to recognize higher education and particularly Eastern as primary priorities. The transformative power that touches so many lives and contributes so much to our communities must be fostered. Kentucky depends on it.

Having the opportunity to lead this institution represents some of the most exciting and rewarding years of my career. It is also one of the great privileges of my life. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of the inspiring tradition that is EKU.

Go Colonels!

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