

Dear LSC Campus Community:

Well, this is my last message to you as your President. I am stunned at how quickly this year has passed. I am amazed at how many wonderful things have happened this year including one of the best commencements ever, rebounding enrollment, and new possibilities in programming. We've had some challenges as well: with budgets, political uncertainty with its impact on higher education, and the ever-changing expectations and needs of learners.

As always, our campus community finds ways to work with these challenges and focus on the great things happening for our students and employees. I will miss this "can do" spirit. I will miss witnessing your dedication to LSC. I will miss watching each of you make a difference in so many lives. I smile when I think of what we have been through together and how well LSC has weathered these stormy and sunshine-y days.

You will always hold a special place in my heart. I do plan to visit whenever I pass through Duluth. I know I will **See You in September** at the 80th Anniversary Open House and celebration. I could close with that song (those of you of a certain vintage will recall that song sung by The Happenings in the 1960's, but it was originally recorded by The Tempos in 1959. I was 3 in 1959, so I don't know much about that version). But I choose to close with a different 1959 song from The Sound of Music, a song that captures all of the goodbyes and farewells I can wish for you.

Be well, stay safe, be kind to each other, and stay in touch.

With love,

Pat.

So Long, Farewell

Lyrics By Oscar Hammerstein II Music By Richard Rodgers

The Children:

There's a sad sort of clanging
From the clock in the hall
And the bells in the steeple, too;
And up in the nurs'ry
An absurd little bird
Is popping out to say "coo-coo."
(Coo-coo, coo-coo.)
Regretfully they tell us
But firmly they compel us
To say goodbye to you . . .

So long, farewell,
Auf Wiedersehen, good night.

Marta:

I hate to go and leave this pretty sight.

Children:

So long, farewell,
Auf Wiedersehen, *adieu*.

Kurt:

Adieu, adieu
To yieu and yieu and yieu.

Children:

So long, farewell,
Au'voir, auf Wiedersehen.

Liesl:

I'd like to stay and taste my first Champagne.
No?

Captain:

No!

Children:

So long, farewell,
Auf Wiedersehen, goodbye.

Friedrich:

I leave and heave a sigh and say goodbye!
Goodbye!

Brigitta:

I'm glad to go, I cannot tell a lie.

Louisa:

I flit, I float, I fleetly flee, I fly.

Gretl:

The sun has gone to bed and so must I.

Children:

So long, farewell,
Auf Wiedersehen, goodbye.
Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye.

Guests:
Goodbye.

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