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Knight Notes from the Studio

Brief notes each season from the Director of FDU's University Writing Studio

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Dear students and colleagues,

I'm always aware of how valuable a good piece of communication can be. So much of what we do on campus depends on someone taking a moment to write something down. A clear email helps us know where to go or what to do next. A quick note to someone who helped us through a difficult week lets them know their effort mattered.

As we move into the last months of the year, there's a lot of writing left to do. You might be revising a final paper or sending an update to your team. In the middle of all that, a thoughtful reply can make someone feel heard, and a question on a draft can get two people talking about an idea they're still figuring out. I value those moments. They're part of how we stay connected to one another and to the ideas we come here to explore.

As the season changes, so can your thinking about a topic. You might find that you want to say something more clearly, a little louder, or just differently. If you're working through that in these last few weeks, you're welcome at the Writing Studio. Bring the paragraph you keep circling back to, the draft you're trying to start or revise, or the campus message you want to make clearer. A conversation about what you want to say can be a good place to begin.

Thank you for all the ways you keep the conversation going at FDU.

Warmly,
Julia Wagner
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