From the Desk of the Chancellor

My last column

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My final week as Chancellor culminates this weekend with a radio broadcast reflecting on the past 12 years while looking ahead to IUPUI’s future. Incoming Chancellor Nasser Paydar will join me co-hosting the WTLR program, “Unity in the Community” at noon Saturday, August 15 on 1310-AM and www.praiseindy.com.

Nasser and I will spend the first segment reflecting on the past 12 years. In the middle of the broadcast, we will take calls from those who want to share your perspectives. The hour will end with a glimpse into the future of IUPUI.

Since communication is a passion of mine and my wife, Sandra Petronio, I always relished opportunities to interact with individuals and groups, large or small -- on and off campus. I always learned both from you and as I thought through ideas while speaking.

Those who’ve heard my presentations may have noted my appreciation of perceptive quotations. Here are a few I will leave the chancellorship reflecting upon:

Sir Winston Churchill: “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

“We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own.” – Cesar Chavez

“Never tell me the sky’s the limit when there are footprints on the moon.” – Unknown

John Quincy Adams: “To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children...to leave the world a better place...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”

So this is it. So much has already been said but it is impossible to tell you enough how extremely blessed Sandra and I feel we have been over the past 12 years and how much we appreciate what so many have done, in so many ways, to make IUPUI better during these years. Thank you.

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