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Dear Campus Community,

I want to thank the campus community for such a wonderful Commencement. Each of the graduates has benefitted from the support of faculty and staff, and they have bright futures with their Thiel degrees. The Commencement planning group worked together to ensure a successful event. The speakers--Rev. Kusserow, Leah Dever, and the student orator, Sydney Linhart, each shared inspiring reflections on the meaning of Thiel in their lives and the lives of our students. The performance by members of the Thiel Choir was moving, and the families were so very proud – as they should be! We are looking forward to the SLP and PA Commencements later this summer, events that I am sure will be as inspiring as Saturday's graduation. Celebrating the academic accomplishments and success of Thiel students is such a privilege. How lucky we are to do this work together.

Even as we say goodbye to the undergraduates for the summer, there is much happening on campus. Graduate and summer courses continue and the faculty are engaged in assessment activities this week. Student Life is managing the conclusion of the residential program, construction on Phase II of the Spence Academic Center is underway, Marketing is focused on getting the *Bell* finished and mailed, and the Facilities Management team is getting the campus ready for the summer season of camps and conferences.

The teams in Admissions, Athletics and Financial Aid are continuing to recruit for next year. Currently, deposits stand at 214, 15 ahead of this time last year. With many more financial aid packages issued at this time than was possible last spring, robust recruiting will continue over the next several weeks. Summer Orientations begin this Saturday as we welcome the next cohort of new students to campus. Advancement activities continue unabated with outreach to Thiel Fund donors, foundations, and alumni.

I am truly grateful to the Thiel community—for your commitment to students and the College. As we move into the summer, I hope you'll find time to enjoy the season to renew your energy with time with family and friends. I am always available to members of the campus community. I welcome your ideas and suggestions as we work together to advance the College.

Go Tomcats!

President Traverso