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Dear DFA employees,

As we are in the middle of staff appreciation week, I'd like to remind you of available opportunities to engage and express your appreciation:

- **Co-Worker Recognition:** Take a moment to share your gratitude and appreciation for your fellow staff members – peers and leaders alike – in [Bright People, Brilliant Solutions](#). Adding photos and sharing your post with the individuals you are honoring can make your recognition event even more meaningful. The event ends on Sunday, October 15, 2023.
- **Scavenger Hunt Participation:** Form teams comprising of staff members and capture pictures of the items found with at least one team member in each photo. View the [rules and checklist](#) for more information.
- **Excellence in Leadership Award Nominations:** The [Staff Assembly Excellence in Leadership Awards](#) recognizes leaders who inspire employees to focus their individual talents on the goals of the organization and contribute to the highest level. Award winners are selected based on clear demonstration of the following four leadership competencies: collaboration, employee engagement, innovation, and wellbeing. Nominations will be accepted through November 9.

Once again, I wish to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation for the exceptional contributions each one of you has made to advance our university's mission, vision, values, and strategic priorities.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou D. Ortiz
Chief Financial Officer
Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration