



Happy New Year! As 2011 draws near, I want to extend to each and every member of our UC family my heartfelt best wishes for a great new year. I hope you are enjoying the holiday season. Looking back on the year that is coming to a close, we have had many reasons to celebrate the University of Cincinnati's achievements. Our entire UC community shares in this success, and I want you to know how thankful I am for your dedication to and support of our university. Together, we truly have accomplished a banner year for UC.

Let me highlight just a **handful of our key successes in 2010:**

- The **largest enrollment in UC history** with over 41,350 students arriving in fall quarter.
- Launching our new strategic plan, **UC2019 – Accelerating Our Transformation**.
- **Record-breaking total research** funding at more than \$443 million, an increase of 17 percent over last year.
- Gaining recognition as **one of the world's most beautiful college campuses**. Forbes said: "Architecture students at UC need only step outside the classroom to observe some of the more cunning modern architecture of their day."
- Ranking among the **top 200 World Universities**, according to The Times Higher Education magazine in London.
- Formation of the **new UC Health system**.
- Launching of the student-led **Proudly Pennies campaign** and the "**1819**" **alumni giving effort**, as well as reaching the \$715-million mark in our \$1 billion **Proudly Cincinnati Campaign**.
- **Doubling the number of start-up companies** sparked by UC researchers, thanks to changes in state law.
- Being **part of four of the five Centers of Excellence** named so far by the state of Ohio and the Ohio Board of Regents and being a partner in the "Consumer Marketing" Hub of Innovation and Opportunity announced by the state of Ohio.
- **Big East Player of the Year** honors for volleyball player Stephanie Niemer and **Big East Coach of the Year** honors for volleyball head coach Reed Sunahara, as the Bearcats captured the regular season championship trophy and competed in the NCAA volleyball championship.
- Completion of **Phase 1 of the Sheakley Athletics Complex** and indoor practice facility.

This list reminds me of the tremendous milestones we have reached in just 12 months. I am truly proud of the University of Cincinnati – our students, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters. I hope you share that pride, and I look forward to many more strides for our university in the year ahead.

Wishing you all the best for 2011!

Sincerely,

Gregory H. Williams
President