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Dear Brokk Toggerson,

I am writing on behalf of the UMass ADVANCE team to express our gratitude for your engagement and service this past year as an ADVANCE Faculty Fellow. Thank you for sharing your time and expertise. This past year, in the midst of a pandemic, has been especially challenging and we greatly appreciate your work with ADVANCE and the ways you strive to make our community more inclusive. We invite you to continue partnering with us to help us connect with your department/unit on important issues related to faculty equity and inclusion and institutional transformation.

Although your active service may have ended if you are not serving as a fellow again next year, we consider you to be part of UMass ADVANCE: once an ADVANCE Faculty Fellow, always an ADVANCE faculty fellow! Please remember add your service as a UMass ADVANCE Faculty Fellow to your CV and to note it in your annual faculty report.

In order to stay in touch with past fellows, we plan to create a group forum later this summer (a listserv or Microsoft Team). This new online forum we hope will allow ADVANCE faculty fellows to continue to be in touch with each other to share events, practices, and news.

We look forward to seeing you at ADVANCE events next year! In the meantime, I wish you a restorative summer.

Sincerely,
Laurel

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