

February 4, 2022

Dr. Ehab Kamarah  
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Dear Ehab,

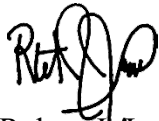
I want to thank and commend everyone at F&S for their tremendous effort and truly impressive work over the past three days handling this storm. While most of the area is still digging itself out, our campus sidewalks, streets and parking lots are open, clear and safe thanks to around-the-clock hard work by so many at F&S.

None of us ever really expected we would make it through an Illinois winter without seeing some measurable snowfall. But I don't believe there were too many of us who expected to see it all arrive at once. And it is one thing to have a forecast in hand and to have a plan ready for managing a blizzard. But as all of us at home learned yesterday – actually dealing with more than a foot of snow and ice when it really arrives is an entirely different – and often overwhelming – matter.

While most of us were still standing in our driveways trying to figure out even how to start clearing out a few feet of drifted snow, your crews had already cleared acres of it.

Please share my sincere gratitude to all of the women and men at F&S who played a role in responding to the storm. They have earned a round of applause from all of us here at Illinois this week.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Jones  
Chancellor