



WALT'S OBSERVATIONS



It is a real pleasure to welcome Gregory Woodward to the University as our next president.

I have often pondered what I would like to see in my successor, and I think the search committee has delivered on everything I could have asked for: someone who is deeply devoted to the role of higher education in preparing students for careers, for becoming citizens in a democracy, and for leading rich and fulfilling lives. He has been a leader in fostering research and creativity among faculty, valuing the role that both staff and faculty play in creating a supportive environment on campus, and in connecting alumni to their alma mater.

Greg is well prepared to lead the University in the challenging environment all of us face in higher education today. He has been a musician, composer, composition faculty member, admission director, dean, interim provost, and college president. His résumé is rich and full of the experiences we would all want our next president to have. But he has also been an NCAA Division I student athlete, a leader in two communities, and an active and successful fundraiser.

Most importantly, he knows the University of Hartford. Raised in West Hartford, and a graduate of Hall High School, he studied saxophone with Jackie McLean, and experienced the devotion and genius of Moshe Paranov. He has this area and this University in his DNA. He would be the first to tell you it has been over 40 years since

he left, but there are some things you never forget.

Greg has a vision for the University's future and an excitement for its values and traditions. He respects what we are, and has the courage and the insight to lead us to what we can become.

I can't wait to see what he does in leading the University of Hartford.

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