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Bennington College Community Builders:

We are happy to share with you our final Reflect, Rebuild, & Rise videos. These installments are simply wrap up sessions by <u>Ahmad Yassir</u> and <u>myself</u>. In case you are wondering (or are short on time), his video is more succinct than mine. Nonetheless, we are equally sincere about the gratitude and optimism we feel for the opportunity to have hosted the diversity conference. We believe that the effort and emerging momentum have served us well, particularly as we launch into the next phase of our College trajectory. Note that we delayed our final release out of respect for the significant events that transpired as the term came to a close (Commencement, the killing of George Floyd at the hands of police, the announcement of the new president). These events, I believe, compel us to engage the conference themes—reflect, rebuild, rise—and to work fervently and continually toward building a culture of inclusion on our campus and in our world.

Thank you for joining us in this journey,

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