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Strategic Plan Update: Implementation Summary

As a statewide University, we achieved many successes in 2012 including reaching several important milestones with the strategic plan—an effort we began a little more than a year ago to think strategically about our future and to create a roadmap to greater excellence in all that we do.

I'm grateful to the more than 400 faculty, staff, students, alumni and outside partners who provided input throughout this process. We've made great progress in a short period of time.

As you know, the plan was approved in June, and we introduced an online dashboard in November for monitoring progress toward its five goals. I hope you've had a chance to review both the [plan](#) and [dashboard](#).

I also mentioned in my November update that we are making good progress with implementation efforts. We've identified initiatives and action items within each goal for the first two years and formed work teams to drive these processes.

Initial focus areas, work team leads and progress updates from each team are available on the strategic plan [website](#). I encourage you to explore the site and share your thoughts.

The University's mission to educate, discover and connect for the good of Tennesseans everywhere makes our work more than just doing our jobs, and I believe the strategic plan will have a noticeable impact on everything we do.

Thank you for your continued interest in this process and for all you do to make us a stronger and more successful University.

All the best and happy new year,
Joe

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