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As 2013 comes to a close, I would like to take a few moments to reflect on the year and the contributions of all our faculty and staff across the state. You often hear me talk about the UT mission to “educate, discover and connect.” The University fulfills this mission every day and provides a unique service to our state through your hard work and commitment. This year’s Annual Report to the General Assembly highlights these areas and your contributions to them. Below are some highlights from UT Knoxville, the Institute of Agriculture and the Institute for Public Service. You can browse the Annual Report website to view more examples from all our campuses and institutes.

A New Home for Music
The Natalie L. Haslam Center opened at UT Knoxville this fall. This modern building holds all the School of Music programs under one roof and features a beautiful recital hall.
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Thank you for all you do for the University of Tennessee. I am privileged to be a part of this great institution, and I look forward to more outstanding achievements in 2014. I hope you have a happy and restful holiday season and a joyous new year.

All the best,
Joe