Hi Raffi.

Thank you for sharing this update. First of all, congratulations on your retirement! I'm so happy for you and excited that you get to start this next chapter - it is so well deserved. At the same time, I'm really sad to hear about the uncertainty surrounding the Epicenter. It has made such a huge impact on so many students, myself included, so I hope a way to continue its legacy somehow still comes together.

I also wanted to say thank you for everything you've done for me over the past few years. Being involved with the Epicenter was one of the highlights of my time at UCLA. From the Slalom Innovation Challenge, where our team won Team Gold, to coming back and mentoring the next cohort of students, those experiences taught me so much. They challenged me to think differently, collaborate with people from all kinds of backgrounds, and gave me the confidence to tackle problems I never would have imagined taking on.

Thank you for believing in students and creating opportunities that have such a lasting impact. Your encouragement and guidance have meant a lot to me, and I'm incredibly grateful for everything you've done.

I'd love to keep in touch and hear what you're up to in retirement. Is there another email that's better to reach you at after you retire?

Congratulations again, and thank you for everything. Wishing you all the best in this exciting new chapter.

Take care.