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Joel Weisman  
*Chicago Tonight*  
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Dear Joel:

On behalf of your friends and fellow University of Illinois alumni around the globe, I am proud and delighted to offer my congratulations and thanks as you conclude your remarkable 40-year run as co-creator, senior editor and host of *Chicago Tonight: The Week in Review*.

You have reliably been the persona of a program that has carved a place in Chicago television history – a weekly fixture for news junkies and others to tune in for informed perspective on important issues of the day. You deftly presided over a vast array of panelists and topics, always with a wry perspicacity and frequently accented by a neatly knotted, orange-and-blue necktie.

Along the way, you have become a very public face for your alma mater – a role model and point of pride for the value of a U of I education. And your experience as a student journalist and a degree in marketing established a foundation for two outstanding careers.

Throughout your adult life, you have been an award-winning, news-breaking journalist and commentator equally adept and successful in print and broadcast media. After earning a law degree, your primary business became advising fellow journalists, but television news analysis and *The Week* remained a part of your regular routine.

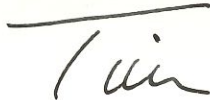
You have been an exemplary alumnus beyond your professional accomplishments. In the decades since graduating, you have been generous with your time and philanthropic support for the University of Illinois.

We have been honored by your service as a former member and chair of the Alumni Association board of directors, and you have been the recipient of the alumni Loyalty Award and the Chicago Illini of the Year Award.

You have provided candid and wise counsel to university leaders; shared your passions and experiences with students and fellow alumni; advocated on behalf of the university; and with your loving wife Analee graciously established a scholarship fund to support students. In the pantheon of University of Illinois alumni, you stand with the giants.

Thank you again for your loyalty and dedication to our great university, and congratulations on a singular, exceptional journalism career. The University of Illinois wishes you and Analee all the best as a new chapter in your lives begins.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim", with a horizontal line above it.

Timothy L. Killeen