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The Undergraduate College  
of Arts and Sciences

Dear Friends,

Every year, I evaluate the work of the College's faculty, staff and students. My responsibility is to ensure our faculty are excellent teachers, dedicated mentors, and generators of important new knowledge, research and creativity. I also need to ensure they have the resources and support to achieve these high expectations.

It is just as important that I make sure our students have the resources and access they need to achieve a successful and meaningful education. Wake Forest fulfills its academic mission best when our faculty use their expertise to empower our talented students in the most tangible of ways and in those intangible ones that may only become manifested years down the road. The role you and our other steadfast donors play in this convergence of expertise and education is critical. It makes my job as Dean more about fulfilling our ambitions rather than just envisioning them.

Your endowed gifts continue to enable students to thrive at Wake Forest. They enable our faculty to excel in their fields and provide the top-flight education their students deserve and benefactors expect. Endowed scholarships, faculty positions and academic excellence funds provide support now; they also contribute mightily to our long-range plans, which are becoming more definitive. Higher education is evolving rapidly right now, but our core values as an educational institution hold firm. Those values have been tested and honed through the years as Wake Forest has adapted and matured. Our endowed support has always helped us weather generational change and has let us double down on our values – even as we aimed in new directions and reimagined how to deliver an even better liberal arts education. As we look to the future, we count on endowed support to enable future generations of students to have even greater access to a superb Wake Forest education.

I am grateful to be part of a dedicated Wake Forest community whose generosity demonstrates pride in the work we are doing for our students and faculty. Thank you always for your commitment to Wake Forest as we continue to prepare students to be the next generation of leaders and thinkers we so need in our increasingly complex and challenging world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Gillespie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michele Gillespie  
Dean of the College  
Presidential Endowed Chair of Southern History