

The Undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences

Dear Friends,

Today a Wake Forest College education is more important than ever. It is still delivered by dedicated teacher-scholar-mentors, but they must *now* prepare students for diverse careers and pursuits across their lifetimes. These same teacher-scholars are graduating thoughtful citizens with the depth and breadth of understanding essential for grasping the challenges and opportunities of our 21st-century world.

As dean, I am deeply grateful to you for being a vital member of our dedicated community of alumni, parents and friends. Your commitment is part of the foundation on which Wake Forest builds its unrivaled liberal arts education. Our faculty and staff strive to build a transformative college learning experience that weaves together serious academic inquiry, character formation and an appreciation for diversity and difference. Personal interaction and intellectual exchange between students and faculty make Wake Forest a place where exceptional teaching, discovery, and mentorship are paramount in the pursuit of our *Pro Humanitate* mission. Your thoughtful gift reflects the significance you place in these ideals and allows us to cultivate a vibrant, holistic education for all our students.

With the help of faithful supporters like you, we will continue to create opportunity, educate the whole person and inspire excellence. You are my partner in our shared goal of graduating critical thinkers who will become the gifted problem solvers, citizens and leaders our complex world demands.

Thank you again for your support, and I hope to see you the next time you are on the campus. In the interim, please know how much I value your relationship with Wake Forest College, and your dedication to our talented students and their bright futures.

Sincerely,

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Dean of the College

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