Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the overwhelming support of Wake Foresters this past year, I am reminded of what a privilege it is to be a part of this University.

Thank you for believing in the value of Wake Forest and all that we as a community celebrate – the thrill of discovering new knowledge, the excitement of exploring an untested idea and the satisfaction of recognizing one's own personal worth. Our students are able to experience these joys because of you. Your gifts ensure that they are surrounded by encouraging faculty, scholastic opportunity and a thriving learning environment that includes state-of-the-art facilities.

Through your generosity and commitment, you uphold the promise of Wake Forest. You make it possible for us to offer an unparalleled education to students with significant financial obstacles. Your gifts have a wonderful ripple effect, not only touching the lives of our students, but also improving the lives of local community members who benefit from programs like Campus Kitchen or the School of Law Veterans Legal Clinic. And the ripple effect continues when the students you support pay it forward.

The effect of your gifts on our faculty is also impactful and far-reaching. By funding innovative departmental programs and facilitating meaningful research, Wake Forest offers an unmatched working environment for our teacher-scholars. As a result, we are able to retain and attract first-rate educators to inspire and engage our students in rich and purposeful dialogue. Because your gifts provide the resources necessary to elevate the faculty experience, you simultaneously broaden the student experience as well.

I am grateful to be part of a dedicated and enthusiastic Wake Forest community that shows pride in our present and optimism for our future. Thank you again for your commitment to Wake Forest as we continue to lead in bold and distinctive ways.

Sincerely,

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