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Dear Friends:

It is my honor to join you in commemorating Adelphi University's many achievements at its 26th Annual Gala. This year, the University is celebrating some exciting milestones, and there is no better way to reflect on these accomplishments than coming together as a community. This event provides the perfect avenue to do so.

There is so much to be proud of as you prepare for another semester of great work. I am extremely excited to watch the University grow as it welcomes its first alumnus president, Michael Balboni '81, JD. Adelphi is fortunate to be able to draw from the unrivaled personal investment and pride one of its own will bring to the job, and I have no doubt great things will be born of that special relationship.

Additionally, you should take great pride the record-breaking impact the *Momentum* Campaign has had on the school. Its incredible success will surely generate continued progress and achievement. I hope this year's Gala will build on that momentum.

Whether it is the remarkable work of the first-generation students studying at Adelphi or the groundbreaking research conducted across disciplines, it is clear Adelphi is thriving. We are fortunate to have such a remarkable institution right here in our backyard, and I look forward to working with you all toward making Long Island and New York even more vibrant.

Please allow me to extend my best wishes and congratulations to President Balboni, the Board of Trustees, and the faculty, staff, and students of Adelphi University. Good luck on continued success this year and beyond!

Sincerely,

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