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Dear Friends:

Today, I extend my warmest greetings as you gather for Adelphi University's 26th Annual Gala. This wonderful occasion is a testament to the impactful work of Adelphi University and its sustained commitment to changing the lives of every student. It is a special honor to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the first-generation students of Adelphi, as well as the historic welcoming of its president, Michael Balboni '81, JD.

The Annual Gala is more than just a celebration; it demonstrates the university's commitment to its core mission of providing an exceptional education for all its students. Today, members of the Adelphi community and friends from across the region are gathered in their shared belief in this essential mission and dedication to bettering their community. Through this Gala, programs will receive the powerful funding needed to positively impact the thousands of students that Adelphi serves, ensuring the University remains a cutting-edge institution.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the incredible impact of those who are being honored by the Annual Gala, including the first-generation students of Adelphi. Their astounding achievements and tireless hard work should serve as an inspiration to others, and their presence is a key part of what makes Adelphi such an exceptional institution. I am also honored to share my sincere congratulations to Michael Balboni '81, JD, the first alumnus president in Adelphi's history. With an impressive career as a lawyer and member of the New York State legislature, all starting with an education at Adelphi, the university will be sure to have a bright future ahead.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, thank you for your continued dedication to serving our community. Adelphi University has become a life-changing institution for countless students, and will continue to better the lives of others for years to come. I wish you the best on this wonderful occasion and hope all enjoy the celebration.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator