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To Our New and Returning Students

A new and exciting academic year is upon us and on behalf of the Faculty Senate and all of the faculty members we represent, we want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all new and returning students. As you know the summer has been challenging, for students, staff, and faculty, as flood water engulfed core areas of the university and the community and left devastation in its wake. As the waters rose, faculty, students, staff, local business people, families, and farmers worked side by side all over town and campus. Being part of those inspiring days renewed our appreciation of all that makes this university and community special. Through the selfless dedication of so many, we begin this academic year with unquenchable optimism for a rewarding and creative educational experience for all of us.

Having dedicated our lives to teaching, we know that learning can only flourish in a safe and secure environment where mutual respect is the hallmark of all of the interactions we have. As faculty members we are committed to ensuring that the education you seek can meet your highest expectations. In the spirit of new beginnings, we pledge to reaffirm the values of civility and respect and to do everything in our power to assure that those values are the bedrock on which our academic community stands.

We encourage you to pursue your dreams at the University of Iowa and to contribute in every way you can to overcoming the challenges we all face. We will be doing the same. We look forward to working together as faculty, staff, students, and community neighbors in the days to come.

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