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A Letter from the President, Fall 2023

Dear Graduate Students,

You are about to embark on an adventure! It is a learning journey and like any journey, what happens along the way cannot be predicted. There is a map. We call it the curriculum. And the map is marked with specific steps. We call these steps the courses that you will take. We have planned these courses carefully, thoughtfully, and created a clear sequence of courses to guide you on your journey, each step helping to prepare for the next. We have done this with you and your learning in mind. But this doesn't mean we know how you will experience the journey. For each one of you, there will be different challenges, unexpected turns, and delicious *AHA!* moments of insight and realization.

We wish for you to feel supported along this journey, to know you are not alone even when you feel most alone. We want this journey to prepare you for greater self-awareness, greater capacity, and with every step to bring you closer to who you dream of becoming. We take your dreams seriously, knowing that what you hope to do, how you hope to be, is a sacred call which you have answered. Thank you. Thank you for listening and being able to respond.

As your President, I am a great dreamer. I believe in the power of the unseen, the unknown, the potentiality within us, and the power of possibility around us. This is why I have devoted my life to learning, teaching, leading, and following. I honor my inner guidance, and I honor yours. Let us come together and make a positive difference. What we do, what we think, what we say, and who we are truly matters.

I am so looking forward to sharing this journey with you.

Dream strong,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Filemyr".

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