



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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Dear [REDACTED],

Innovators founded the University of Virginia, and the spirit of innovation remains part of our institutional DNA. When UVA community members gathered this October for our Bicentennial Launch Weekend, we commemorated the 200-year legacy of Thomas Jefferson's most innovative idea: that education can empower people from all walks of life to uphold democracy and ensure human freedom. As we envision the University's third century, we have recommitted ourselves to this founding ideal.

At the University of Virginia, the work of upholding and renewing democracy is deeply ingrained in our identity and culture. Thank you for your part in this ongoing endeavor. Your generosity and your countless acts of commitment and support embody the spirit upon which UVA was built.

The essential elements for innovation are still with us, and in abundance:

- Talented, inquisitive students eager to experience a challenging and empowering education
- Ambitious and driven faculty members guiding our students and our University into a future of unprecedented success
- Nationally ranked schools and programs—and Virginia's #1 hospital—sharing a commitment to excellence

At the dawn of our third century, we continue to move forward, and momentum is on our side. President-elect James Ryan will provide strong leadership when he takes office next fall. With the continuing support of alumni, parents, and friends, together we can ensure that UVA's third century will be its greatest yet.

Please join in this great endeavor by making a gift to the University of Virginia today.

Very truly yours,

Teresa A. Sullivan

President

P.S. The original idea of ensuring freedom through education was central to our founding, and UVA is leading the way in realizing that vision anew. Please make your gift today!