Dear Dr. Patel,

As the Chancellor of the University of Toronto, I have the privilege of meeting some of the brightest students and researchers in academia today. Each of these talented individuals comes to U of T with their own unique background, chosen disciplines and lived experience — and they are all shaped in part by your support.

Behind each scholar's remarkable story of achievement, perseverance and breakthrough is an exceptional community of alumni and friends. Annual donations enhance the learning experience of every U of T scholar, from providing student financial aid to supporting cutting-edge research and funding the revitalization of beloved spaces across the tri-campus where students live and learn.

The impact of our community of donors, of which you are a vital part, is inextricably linked with the accomplishments of these individuals and the fields they go on to influence. Your philanthropy is at the heart of the university's academic mission and all the life-changing opportunities the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering offers.

Together, at the midpoint of the Defy Gravity campaign, we've exceeded 75% of our alumni engagement goal and over 50% of our fundraising target. Your decision to empower individuals to reach their full potential is deeply touching and nothing short of remarkable. U of T remains a leader in Canada and globally — to the benefit of us all — because of supporters like you who believe in what's possible.

My deepest thanks and appreciation,

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Chancellor, University of Toronto

