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Dear Mr. Byrne,

Thank you for your generous support of the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering. We want to share with you some remarkable news about our students and faculty. You are a valued member of our Fulton family, and our successes result from our collective effort.

This fall, Fulton Schools enrollment surpassed 19,000 students, making us the nation's largest engineering school. These incredible young people are visionary and ambitious and see strength in numbers, knowing they are a critical mass to effect meaningful change in their world. They were drawn to the Fulton Schools and our inventive programs and innovative faculty who are committed to educating exceptional engineers.

Our professors also have been setting some records. We were awarded our second Engineering Research Center (ERC) from the National Science Foundation, making us one of only two universities in the nation to lead two of these prestigious centers. ASU already leads the Quantum Energy and Sustainable Solar Technologies Center, awarded in 2011. And we are playing a leading partnership role in a Rice University-led ERC, one of the three new NSF centers announced late summer. The coveted distinction of leading two ERCs places us among the country's top research institutions.

Regents' Professor of civil and environmental engineering Edward Kavazanjian is director of the new Center for Bio-mediated and Bio-inspired Geotechnics, which is pioneering advances in geotechnical engineering that promise solutions to some of the world's biggest environmental and infrastructure development challenges. Paul Westerhoff, ASU vice provost for academic research and professor of civil and environmental engineering, is deputy director of the Nanotechnology Enabled Water Treatment Systems center, which is focused on developing compact, mobile, off-grid water-treatment systems that can provide clean water to millions of people who lack it and make U.S. energy production more sustainable and cost effective.

Increasing enrollment in our schools and external support of our work reflects our leadership as a world-class engineering school. Thank you for the support you provide the Fulton Schools and for being a vital part of our community as we all work to make a better world.

Sincerely,

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