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Graceland University
1 University Place
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Dear President Draves, faculty and staff, students, families, and friends of Graceland University:

I wish I could be with you today to celebrate Graceland University. Not only because you've achieved your highest enrollment in nearly a decade but because of the launch of your exciting "Blue, Gold and Bold" plan.

Graceland's announcement of changes to its tuition and financial aid structure, as well as the addition of a new and unique double major in Transformational Leadership for every successful graduate, will increase awareness and interest in this special institution. These astute business decisions will not only benefit Graceland University, but the community as a whole.

I also want to recognize the university for taking steps this year to add more majors in high demand job areas for our state. With yet another expansion of the Iowa Tuition Grant program last session, it's my hope that even more of Graceland's graduates will enjoy fulfilling life-long careers in our great state.

Innovation is essential for Iowa's private colleges to thrive. Graceland University is an excellent example of what's possible when purposeful change is embraced.

Congratulations as you celebrate today's exciting announcement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds
Governor of the State of Iowa