

Dear Friends of the University at Buffalo

It is frequently said that the whole is stronger than the sum of its parts. Here at the University at Buffalo, we have taken that idea one step further—we define our strength and promise as the sum of our partnerships.

Partnerships form the very fabric of UB, and the essence of our interaction with the world around us. The collaboration of faculty across the disciplines to break new ground in scholarly research, the dynamic exchange of knowledge and ideas that takes place between teacher and student, the teamwork that defines excellence on the field of athletic competition and on the performance stage—these represent just a few of the countless academic partnerships that we forge on a daily basis at UB. Beyond our campus borders as well, UB is engaged each day in building bridges that connect us to the larger communities we serve, from our partnerships with pre-K–12 educators in preparing our region’s students for academic success, to our cooperative endeavors with community organizations and research institutions to improve the quality of life locally and globally, to our innovative collaborations with business and industry to develop the ideas and discoveries that are shaping the future. Through UB 2020, the university’s strategic vision for achieving sustained academic excellence as a great public research university in the 21st century, we are building exponentially on these partnerships.

The partnership between the bodies we represent—the university’s administration, the university governing board, and the university foundation—fulfills a vitally important trust. But its strength and sustenance are drawn from a more expansive network of connections, both within UB’s academic community and beyond it. UB’s partners—alumni, parents, volunteers, donors, corporate and foundation partners, and other university friends who share our vision for UB—greatly extend our reach and our impact as a forward-thinking 21st-century public research university.

Thanks to our partnerships with the individuals and institutions that help us realize our vision, UB and its impact are even greater than the sum of our parts. On behalf of the entire University at Buffalo community, thank you for the strength and promise that your support adds to UB and its many endeavors.

Sincerely,

John B. Simpson, PRESIDENT

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