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Hello from Oregon State!

I hope this finds you and your family well. As we make our way through this second half of the academic year, I am filled with gratitude for our parents and families and the many ways you support our students. You are valued partners in the student experience at Oregon State University.

At this point in the year, I'm confident you've heard exciting stories about what they are learning in their classes, as well as the friendships and connections that continue to evolve with friends and mentors despite our distance this year. With countless opportunities for learning, research, and innovation, your student is part of something big that will influence their lives long after they accept their diploma.

It is our deep belief that your student thrives when <u>all</u> OSU students have the resources they need to succeed. Through gifts to the **Parent and Family Fund**, generous OSU parents and families like you make that a reality.

Gifts to the Parent and Family Fund support priorities such as:

- Student mental health programs
- The Human Services Resource Center, a one-stop office, with supportive resources such as the food pantry and technology lending programs to help students meet their basic needs so they can focus on academics
- The Collegiate Recovery Community, which provides a safe, positive environment to students in recovery from substance use
- Sexual assault prevention initiatives

As dean of students, I see each of these play an essential role in creating a vibrant student experience by ensuring all students have the support they need to not only make it to Commencement, but to thrive on the way there.

I hope you will make your gift to the Parent and Family Fund today.

Sincerely, Kevin A. Dougherty, Ed.D. Associate Vice Provost and Dean of Students