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John Karl Scholz, President
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Dear President Scholz and the University of Oregon Community,

Congratulations to the University of Oregon on 150 years of educating students, advancing knowledge, and serving the people of Oregon!

Since opening its doors in 1876, the University of Oregon has embodied the promise of public higher education – that curiosity, creativity, and a commitment to the public good can open doors for individuals and help build stronger communities. From those first classes, held while carpenters continued work on the building above them, to today's groundbreaking research, artistic expression, and public service, the university has never stopped building toward a better future.

In recent years, the work at the university has advanced our understanding of child development and behavioral health, transformed life science research, and pushed the boundaries of architecture, design, and athletic performance. University of Oregon researchers and innovators are also helping address urgent challenges, like detecting wildfire danger across the West and building more resilient communities. This spirit of discovery is central to the university's legacy.

For 150 years, the University of Oregon has challenged conventions, cultivated bold and curious thinkers, and put ideas into action. As a proud alumna, I know you will continue to inspire students, scholars, and future leaders for many years to come.

This anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate all those who have shaped the university's remarkable history and to look with confidence toward what comes next. May your next chapter continue to open doors for students, inspire new discoveries, and make a lasting difference in the lives of people everywhere.

Sincerely,



Governor Tina Kotek

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