



May 23, 2022

President Ikuo Daibo
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Dear President Daibo,

I write to congratulate you and the entire community of Hokusei Gakuen University on the 60th anniversary of your founding.

Lewis & Clark College has enjoyed a special relationship with Hokusei Gakuen since 1965, when our two institutions joined together as sister schools. During almost every one of the ensuing 57 years of our partnership, Lewis & Clark students have studied at Hokusei Gakuen University, and Hokusei Gakuen students have studied with us here at Lewis & Clark.

Our strong relationship with Hokusei Gakuen enabled us to expand our Japanese language course offerings over the course of several years, and to begin offering a minor in Japanese in 1992. It has also supported our popular Asian Studies major since 1994. These offerings have helped shape our international programming for many years, and they are cornerstones of our current strategic plan, "Exploring for the Global Good."

We are honored to be your oldest partner institution, we are happy to exchange students and ideas with your community, and we are very pleased to share in the celebration of your 60th anniversary. On behalf of Lewis & Clark College, I wish you and all of Hokusei Gakuen University many more years of continued growth and success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wim Wiewel".

Wim Wiewel
President