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President Ikuo Daibo
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Dear President Daibo and Esteemed Colleagues,

On behalf of St. Olaf College, I extend my sincere congratulations on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the founding of Hokusei Gakuen University.

From its inception, Hokusei Gakuen has honored the traditions of Christian education and academic excellence. Soon thereafter, you began to establish a network of sister institutions and exchange partners to enhance students' global learning opportunities and internationalization.

In 2014, St. Olaf joined Hokusei Gakuen as a partner in student exchange and cross-cultural learning. Many students have had the opportunity to enroll for a semester or year in our respective institutions, learning in a new environment and another language, but in a place of attentive care and common goals.

Our shared mission of advancing global citizenship has united us, even while the pandemic has paused mobility. We are especially appreciative of the online Japanese language courses that have benefited many St. Olaf students while they have been unable to travel. We are grateful for your friendship in these difficult global times.

We look forward to resuming international exchange, welcoming future Hokusei Gakuen students to St. Olaf, and many years of fruitful partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Anderson".

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President