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Dear Covenant Scholars,

Welcome to Carolina! You are joining an illustrious group of students at Carolina, and we are excited to have you join our community. The Covenant Scholars program began in 2004 and it has become an example to universities across the country of the importance of making a college education affordable and accessible. At Carolina, we are passionately public and believe that every person in our community has earned their place here. As Covenant Scholars, you bring a wealth of knowledge, experience and promise to our campus and we are grateful that you are here.

When you graduate from this transformative institution, you will have the opportunity to pursue your dreams without the burden of college debt. Your journey to success is of paramount importance to us, and we are wholeheartedly committed to providing the support you need along the way.

A few days ago, convocation speaker Nehemiah Stewart shared a bit about his own journey to obtain a Carolina degree. He said, *“Education equates to power, power equates to responsibility, and responsibility begets opportunity. The question remains, an opportunity for what?”* As you start your own journey here, I encourage you to reflect upon his question during your time at Carolina. What will you do with the opportunities afforded to you while you earn your degree, and how will you use those opportunities to help you achieve your dreams after you graduate? This isn’t something that anyone can tell you, rather, this is something that you will have to explore and define.

As Covenant Scholars and valued members of the Carolina community, you will have so many opportunities to discover your passions and what drives you. I urge you to embrace these opportunities fully, as they will be invaluable in preparing you for whatever path you choose. Whether it's engaging with our career accelerator program, forging mentorships, or expanding your network, the possibilities are endless. Your time at Carolina is just one of the many journeys you will take, and we are here to prepare you for whatever you will face.

And, of course, don't forget to enjoy your time here! Take advantage of the opportunities to attend athletic events, become part of a club, and relish the company of your amazing classmates. At Carolina, the very fabric of our vibrant and passionate community is


comprised of so more than our academics. Explore and be curious about those around you, step out of your comfort zone and grow in ways that you never imagined. There are opportunities outside of the classroom to grow, to learn, and to connect.

I encourage you to give your all during your time here and I am genuinely excited to witness the remarkable accomplishments I know you will achieve. If you happen to spot me on campus this year or find yourself near South Building, please do not hesitate to stop and say hello.

Once again, welcome to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Your presence enriches our community, and I look forward to seeing how you will leave your Heel Print on our campus.

Go Heels!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin M. Guskiewicz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "K" and a stylized "G".

Kevin M. Guskiewicz