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Dear Friends,

As we embrace the festive spirit of the holiday season, we are thrilled to share promising developments in engineering education at the University of Oklahoma. The state continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to advancing engineering education and supporting OU's dedication to excellence. Recent new investments in OU Engineering will be used in a variety of impactful ways:



Quality Education: Funds will support salaries for 23 additional faculty members and four staff positions.

Undergraduate Talent: Tuition remission will make programs more accessible and will attract top talent.

Graduate Empowerment: Competitive stipends will be provided to attract and retain top-tier graduate students.

OU Polytechnic Institute: State allocations will support growth and expansion in Tulsa.

Our commitment to excellence in engineering education and innovation is evident through thriving student enrollment, faculty growth, groundbreaking research, substantial endowments, infrastructure improvements and strategic industry partnerships.

Student Engagement: Enrollment is thriving, with 3,191 bachelor's students, 582 master's students and 322 Ph.D. students. A 23% increase in applications in one year reflects our continued commitment to a thriving engineering community.

Faculty Excellence: OU Engineering welcomed 14 new faculty members for 2023-24, marking growth from 115 in 2017 to 175 in 2023. We aim to surpass 200 faculty members by 2025-26.

Research Innovation: Research expenditures have risen from \$15 million in 2018 to over \$40 million in 2023, supporting collaborations and over 300 projects.

Endowments: OU Engineering's endowments now stand at \$146 million. These endowments play a key role in advancing our mission to foster excellence in education, research and innovation.

Infrastructure Enhancement: OU Engineering now boasts 21 buildings with over 346,000 square feet, including key facilities in Oklahoma City's Innovation District and on our south campus.

Industry Partnerships: OU Engineering continues to compile a vast database of alumni active in industries aligned with our strategic goals. We look forward to our Industry and Government Day in Spring 2024.

We are grateful for your support and collaboration. Together, we will continue to shape the future of engineering. Wishing each of you a joyful holiday season.

Best wishes,

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