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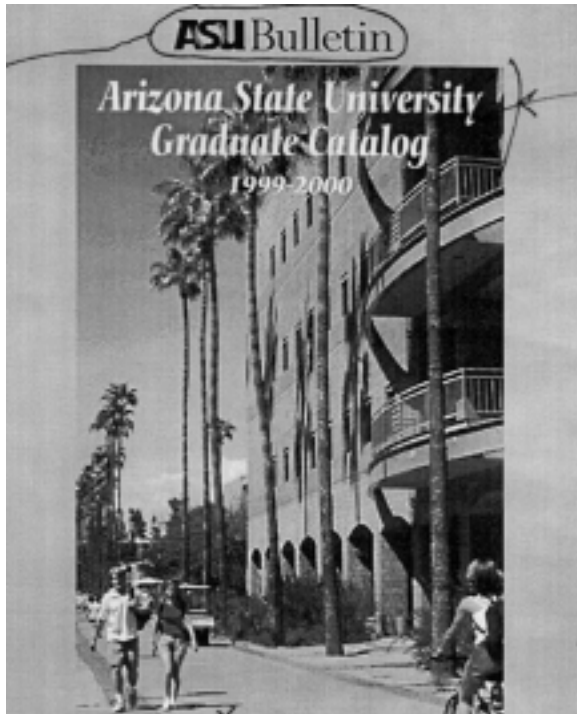
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Dear ASU Students and Prospective Students:

I am pleased to welcome you to Arizona State University, a Research I university in one of the nation's fastest-growing metropolitan areas.

I am proud of the fact that ASU continues to advance rapidly as a major national research university. This accomplishment is reflected by the talented and diverse students and faculty we have attracted, our ability to deliver quality education, achievements in research and creative activities, and the richness in our cultural diversity. We are committed to excellence in research, teaching, and professional and community service, which are all essential components of a great and engaging university.

Arizona State University is noted for its outstanding resources and environment and for faculty characterized by their creative and scholarly distinction and innovation. As well, we seek ways to create educational partnerships with the community to enrich its intellectual life and enhance the professional tenor of our programs.

We will continue to strive for excellence and to encourage creative individuals to be curious and to think critically and boldly. It is an honor to invite you to be a part of the vigorous academic community at ASU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lattie F. Coor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Lattie F. Coor
President



Bianca L. Bernstein Tim Trumble photo

I extend a warm welcome to new and continuing graduate students at Arizona State University. As we celebrate our 60th year of graduate education, we take pride in our national leadership in many professional and scholarly areas. We offer 48 doctoral and 91 master's degree programs, supported by 1,600 faculty members, whose teaching and research are recognized nationally and internationally.

The close collaboration of our programs with organizations in the private and public sectors fosters research and professional opportunities for our graduate students in the surrounding greater metropolitan area and beyond. As an integral part of our doctoral education, we emphasize professional development through our Preparing Future Faculty program, one of the first in the nation.

We are proud of our commitment to graduate education: to prepare our students to become scholarly and professional leaders in a new century in which technology will continue to transform the boundaries of knowledge. Our partnership with ASU students provides a nurturing environment to enhance their intellectual and personal growth. Please call on us if we may be of assistance.

I wish you success in the pursuit of your goals at Arizona State University.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bianca L. Bernstein". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Bianca L. Bernstein
Dean of the Graduate College

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