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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
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I extend a warm welcome to new and continuing graduate students at Arizona State University. Our advanced programs are a source of pride for our students, alumni, and faculty. We offer 48 doctoral programs, 91 master's degree programs, and 15 graduate certificates, supported by 1,600 faculty members whose innovative teaching and groundbreaking research are recognized nationally and internationally.

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