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It is my privilege, as its 16th president, to welcome you to Arizona State University and introduce you to the 2003–2004 *Graduate Catalog*. Within these pages you will find confirmation of why ASU is a Research Extensive university and on the verge of becoming the new American University, in one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the country.

ASU consistently attracts talented and diverse students and faculty who are drawn by our commitment to delivering a quality education, to achievements in research and creative activities, and by the richness in our cultural diversity. The depth and breath of ASU graduate degree programs will give you a true sense of our commitment to quality in research and teaching.

I am tremendously excited to welcome you to ASU and to our vigorous academic community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Crow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael M. Crow
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, 95 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.

A leading center for research and technological development, ASU partners with the private sector to advance the economic competitiveness and quality of life in Arizona. Benefiting from the rich resources and intellectual capital existing in the Phoenix metropolitan area, ASU is a key contributor in developing the industries and services of the New Economy. As one of the major metropolitan research universities in America, we take pride in our success in matching university talents and expertise with the vision of community leaders to shape the future.

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

Cordially,

Bianca L. Bernstein
Dean of the Graduate College