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THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Regents, faculty, staff, and students of the University of California, I am delighted to convey our warmest congratulations to the American University of Armenia and to its graduates on the happy occasion of the University's first commencement ceremony.

Your university had a most auspicious beginning, opening its doors on the very day that the Republic of Armenia declared its independence. Since then good fortune has continued to shine upon the American University of Armenia and its students. The University of California is honored to have played a role, as an affiliate of the American University of Armenia, in establishing an institution of higher learning that has the potential to contribute in very significant ways to the economy and quality of life in Armenia and its region. You are fostering a tradition of academic excellence which we hope will flourish well into the coming century.

Cordially,

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