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Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR

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Dear Esteemed Faculty,

I am pleased to congratulate the Illinois Board of Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council on their 50th Anniversary. Over the years, the Council has been a key partner, serving to inform state policy and strengthen Illinois' postsecondary education system.

Throughout my time in public office, education has remained a top priority for me. To ensure the future prosperity of both individual residents and the state as a whole, I have set a goal of increasing the percent of Illinoisans with a college degree or certificate to 60% by 2025. However, reaching this goal is not possible without the important work that you and your colleagues are engaged in on campuses across the state.

I commend you for your ongoing commitment to Illinois' students and I look forward to continuing to work together to provide students a high quality education that prepares them with the skills and knowledge necessary for success in a 21st century economy.

Sincerely,

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

Pat Quinn
Governor