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Dear [NAME],

As a Gator parent, you are witnessing firsthand how a University of Florida education can shape someone’s life. But higher education benefits more than one individual; the challenges and opportunities ahead require a generation prepared to meet them.

That’s where I hope you can help. Please extend a hand to all Honors Gators, and forge a brighter future for all of us, by making a tax-deductible gift to the University of Florida Honors Program today.

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Not only does your generosity ensure that the University of Florida remains competitive and cutting edge – an attractive destination for the best and brightest students, professors, and researchers – it also strengthens the reputation of UF, which enhances the value of every UF degree, keeping UF Top 5 strong.

Thanks to philanthropic support, 2022 saw:

* Our largest ever Honors Medallion Ceremony celebrating graduating seniors, held at the Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts during Commencement Weekend;
* One-third of our incoming class participating in an early-arrival Honors camp, course, or retreat;
* Travel support for honors students presenting research at academic conferences, as well as participating in summer study abroad programs and Honors UnCommon Classroom trips.

And with 2023 just days away, we are looking forward to growing our early arrival programs and UnCommon Classroom trips, creating new opportunities for honors students to connect with their peers both academically and socially, and opening the new Honors Village with state-of-the-art amenities for honors students.

All accomplishments and all advances – every single one, including UF’s Top 5 stature – are directly linked to support from alumni, friends and parents like you.

Please make a tax-deductible gift today to support the world-class University of Florida Honors Program.

Wishing you joy and good health in the new year,

Melissa L. Johnson, Ph.D.

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