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Reflecting on my seven years as Dean of the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, I am so proud of the accomplishments of gifted faculty and staff and visionary donors who have committed themselves to the success of our school and our students.

Talented new faculty members have dramatically augmented the course work and research at the Korbel School, elevating the school's stature and generating millions of dollars in research grants. Through academic centers of excellence, faculty members have brought renowned lecturers from around the world to present on topics of international import. Our Office of Careers and Professional Development has done a stellar job placing our students in meaningful internships and helping them navigate their future careers.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the Anna and John J. Sie Foundation, we moved into the new Sie Complex last year. We can now accommodate both the graduate and undergraduate students under one roof. New event space has brought in hundreds of new guests and dramatically increased the number of our events—145 in 2016, nearly triple the number of events in 2015. Alumni and friends have supported scholarships, internships and academic initiatives, demonstrating their pride and commitment to the success of our school and students.

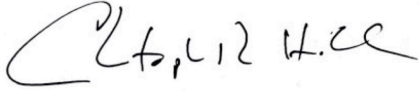
The Korbel School consistently recruits and graduates the best and the brightest. Approximately half of all incoming undergraduate students in the University Honors program are International Studies majors. More than 95 percent of our MA students are employed in their fields within one year of graduation. Many alumni go on to distinguished careers in areas such as the state department, international NGOs or military intelligence. In order to continue recruiting the world's best students and remain competitive in a world saturated with attractive choices in higher education, our scholarship fund is a top priority.

Moving forward, I am more committed than ever to providing the best environment, experiences and support for our graduate and undergraduate students. Our school is closely aligned with Chancellor Chopp's IMPACT 2025 which emphasizes student success as a top priority through a commitment to scholarship support. Increasing scholarship amounts and availability gives the school the opportunity to bring in the most talented and diverse student body. And it also gives more students a chance to create relevant solutions to global issues in a time when, frankly, Korbel alumni are needed more than ever.

I hope you will engage with the Korbel School, whether you are down the street or across the globe. Watch for our communications via email or on our website. Connect with alumni, students and friends through LinkedIn. Become involved in the many alumni events in Denver or across the country.

Thank you for your belief in the Josef Korbel School and for partnering with us!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Hill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "H".

Ambassador Christopher R. Hill (Ret.)  
Dean

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