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Dear College of Engineering family,

As we look back upon a year of both unprecedented challenges and success within the College of Engineering, I want to be sure to offer my thanks for all you do to make our remarkable progress possible. Your dedication and support build our program strength and reputation.

2018 brought us our largest and most diverse incoming undergraduate class, and largest graduate cadre, as well. Engineering is now the second largest college at MSU, behind only the College of Business. To serve and cultivate a stronger, more diverse culture, we strengthened our commitment to inclusion and diversity in 2018 with the appointments of Yue Qi as Associate Dean for Inclusion and Diversity, and Theo Caldwell as Assistant Dean for Student Inclusion and Diversity.

In 2018, we continued our strategic expansion of faculty lines; growing our world-class academic team to 230 tenure-stream faculty, a three-year total of more than 65 new faculty members. We strengthened our major research thrusts in areas such as autonomous vehicles and mobility, energy harvesting and storage, and at the intersection of engineering

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and medicine. Our new programs in the departments of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering; Biomedical Engineering; and the interdisciplinary Institute for Quantitative Health Science & Engineering (IQ) have hit the ground running and are already making great strides in research that will dramatically impact health and society.

At the core of all of our growth and success, of course, is your support. MSU closes its Empower Extraordinary capital campaign on December 31, exceeding its fundraising goal of \$1.5 billion by more than \$200 million. The College of Engineering also celebrates our success in surpassing an \$80 million target, with a campaign total of more than \$110 million (38 percent over goal). Support from alumni such as Thomas Wielenga and James Schmidt, corporate partners like the Consumers Energy Foundation, and friends such as MSU Philanthropist of the Year John Koza, fuels our strategic goals and future ambitions.

Our continued growth and success are possible only through the support and dedication of an extraordinary community of faculty, staff, students, alumni, university and industry partners. My sincere thanks to the entire MSU Engineering family for the commitment that you've shown, and the success stories that you have helped make possible in 2018.

As we celebrate our successes, I want also to acknowledge the tremendous challenges the university community continues to face as we work to address our shortcomings and support the survivors of sexual violence. Together, let us resolve to cultivate a more responsive, inclusive and diverse community of scholars and lifelong learners equipped to address our global challenges and improve the lives of all.

Happy holidays and best wishes for 2019!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leo Kempel', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Leo Kempel, Dean

PS: A more complete listing of our collective achievements in 2018 is available [here](#).

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