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Dear Classmates,

Throughout the past two years, we have spent countless hours in Weill Hall—learning in its classrooms, forging friendships in its hallways, and developing our passions for making a real difference in the world. When we celebrate graduation in just a few weeks (in 36 days to be exact, but who’s counting?), we will reflect upon our Ford School experience and feel grateful to those who have enabled us to achieve our goals. It may have been a faculty mentor who encouraged you to apply for your dream internship, a classmate who helped you work through that especially tough problem set, or even a donor who helped you finance your education. As newly minted policy grads, you are empowered to make a unique and lasting contribution to the Ford School and the University of Michigan.

This year the Class Gift Committee’s goal, in honor of the Gerald R. Ford Centennial, is to have **100 Fordies give 100 Gifts** in support of student internships.

We all know how valuable financial support for internship and travel opportunities is for college students entering public service. All BA donations will provide opportunities for future BA students. Our class gift will make possible:

*Immediate Impact*

When we meet our 100 Gifts participation goal, The Class of 2016 will have funds available for BA students to participate in policy-related domestic and international internships, study and service-abroad trips, the Michigan in Washington program, academic conferences, and other valuable educational activities.

*Continuing a Ford School Tradition*

Students supporting students sends a clear message about the importance of helping Fordies finance their education. Experiences outside the classroom are valuable and many would not be possible without contributions from past students, alumni, and donors. Funding for undergraduate internship and travel is raised and spent each year, and we can play a role in making sure future students have the support they need.

A contribution in any amount is a great way to show appreciation, demonstrate your commitment to the Ford School legacy, and take the first step as a member of the 2013 graduating BA class! You can make your gift by dropping by the Development Office in person (room 4238), visiting our website at fordschool.umich.edu/giving/class-gift, or catching up with the Class Gift Committee during one of our upcoming events. We thank you for your support, it is deeply appreciated.

Go Blue!

Your Class Gift Committee,

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