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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 professionals, you are empowered to make a unique and lasting contribution to the Ford School and beyond.

**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 opportunities is for students entering public service. Our class gift will make possible:

*Immediate Impact*

When we meet our 100 Gifts participation goal, The Class of 2016 will be the beneficiary of two funded graduate internships.

*Continuing a Ford School Tradition*

Students supporting students sends a clear message about the importance of helping Fordies finance their education. Our internships are valuable experiences and many would not be possible without contributions from past students, alumni, and donors. Funding for unpaid internships is raised and spent each year, and we can play a role in making sure future students not only have the same support, but help to increase the amount offered to better reflect the real cost of living.

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 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](http://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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