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Dear Friend,

It is a distinct pleasure to write to you as the new chair of the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures (GSLL). The past few years have presented us with new challenges, and the ongoing war in Ukraine has been particularly difficult for many in our department. Our faculty and students are nevertheless resilient and remain committed to their work.

This includes fostering deep cultural understanding, developing impressive language skills, and initiating important research at the undergraduate, graduate, and faculty level. Recent GSLL accomplishments include:

- Last year, our Russian Flagship Program helped eight students secure [national scholarships](#), and this year another cohort is [studying abroad in Kazakhstan](#).
- Under Dr. Joseph Rockelmann's direction, the German Club hosted a huge Oktoberfest and four of his business German students are up for [summer internships](#).

- Dr. Adi Nester organized a wildly successful [undergraduate research symposium](#).
- Next spring, Professor Stanislav Shvabrin will teach his [new course on Ukrainian literature](#) and Professor David Pike will offer his courses on [dictators](#) and the [cold war](#).
- Dr. Ruth von Bernuth is a visiting fellow at [University of Oxford](#), as is Dr. Inga Pollmann at [Cinepoetics, Berlin's Center for Advanced Film Studies](#).
- Dr. Gabriel Trop hosted an [international conference on posthumanism](#).
- Faculty hosted a well-attended reception for parents during Family Weekend and met with delegations from Tübingen and Zurich.
- Sadly, we also bid farewell to our esteemed colleague [Professor Siegfried Mews](#).

Our accomplishments wouldn't be possible without the support from our alumni and generous donors. Your invaluable [support](#) makes extracurricular programming for our undergraduates unforgettable and lectures for our top-ranked doctoral program impactful, as well as enables our internationally-renowned faculty to publish cutting-edge research.

Your support is crucial in enabling GSLL to provide transformational opportunities for Tar Heels and faculty to come. I hope that you will [make your gift today](#).

Sincerely,
 Professor Richard Langston
 Chair, Department of Germanic Slavic Languages and Literatures
 Professor of German Literature

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