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Dear School of Medicine Graduate Students,

I am honored to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your invaluable contributions to the School of Medicine at UC Riverside. Your dedication, passion, and hard work are the driving force behind the advancement of biomedical research and the excellence of our institution.

You each play an indispensable role in the success of our medical school and the essential biomedical research conducted within our walls. Your commitment to pushing the boundaries of knowledge, conducting groundbreaking research, fostering innovation, and engaging with our community is truly commendable. Without your tireless efforts, our medical school would not be able to fulfill its mission.

Furthermore, I want to emphasize the significant impact you have in diversifying the biomedical science workforce. Your diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives enrich our research community and contribute to the development of a more inclusive and equitable environment. By embracing diversity, we are better equipped to tackle complex challenges, drive innovation, and improve healthcare outcomes for all individuals.

Your presence as graduate students enriches our academic community and also serves as an inspiration to future generations of scientists from all walks of life. Your achievements pave the way for greater diversity and representation in the field of biomedical research, ensuring that the voices of underrepresented groups are heard and valued.

As we celebrate Graduate Student Appreciation Week, please know that your hard work, dedication, and contributions are deeply appreciated and celebrated. You are the future leaders and innovators of biomedical science, and I have no doubt that you will continue to make profound impacts on our community and the world.

I am immensely proud to have you as part of the UC Riverside School of Medicine community.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Deas".

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