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thanks to robert smith, john derrickson, and paul shaffer

—Al Gore, Vice President, United States of America

—Judith Rodin, President, University of Pennsylvania

—Stanley Chodorow, Provost, University of Pennsylvania

—Edward G. Rendell, Mayor of Philadelphia

—Peter C. Patton, Vice Provost, Information Systems & Computing

—John A. Fry, Executive Vice President, University of Pennsylvania

Futurists predicted computers might make us less human. Instead, they have given birth to a new age of information and freedom. Happy birthday to the 30 ton beginning of it all!



—Gregory Farrington, Dean, School of Engineering & Applied Science



—James A. Unruh, Chairman of Unisys



—Judith R. Eckert, widow of J. Presper Eckert, Chief Engineer, ENIAC project



—Herman H. Goldstine, Liasion Officer, ENIAC project

Born half a century ago and still an infant, you have had a most profound effect on our generation. May we have the wisdom to use you in the pursuit of the goals that are the most noble in humankind.



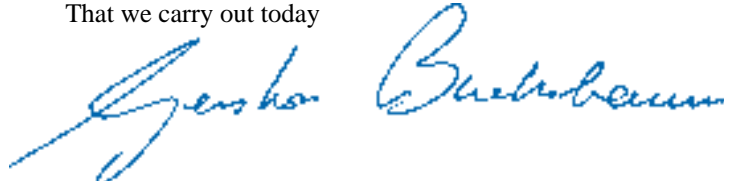
—Sohrab Rabbii, Chair, Electrical Engineering

Your descendants have carried us to the shores of unexpected new worlds of connection and information. Because of you, we have become pioneers, just beginning a vast transformation of how we work, create, learn, and interact with one another.



—Mitch Marcus, Chair, Computer & Information Science

Dear ENIAC  
Although you're turning 50  
And your tubes are old and gray  
Your I/O is outdated  
And your memory's just 2K  
You're still the inspiration  
For the WWW and Cray  
And for all the computations  
That we carry out today

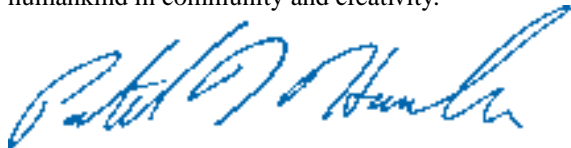


—Gershon Buchsbaum, Interim Chair, Bioengineering



—Kay Mauchly Antonelli, widow of John Mauchly, Consulting Engineer, ENIAC project

From vacuum tubes and vicious conflict, to global villages and virtual toys dancing in the mind of a child. Your birth is celebrated every time your progeny are used to unite humankind in community and creativity.



—Patrick T. Harker, Chair, Systems Engineering

You were conceived for the purposes of war. How wonderful to see children learning to read from your progeny.



—Ira M. Cohen, Chair, Mechanical Engineering & Applied Mechanics

Your progeny have changed research in chemical engineering and the practice of chemical engineering. May the next 50 years be as revolutionary and exciting.



—Raymond Gorte, Chair, Chemical Engineering