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Greetings!

I am writing to congratulate everyone whose hard work, dedication, and heart went into making this year's National U.N.C.F. Walk for Education in Chicago a success. It is inspiring to see so many come together under one mission to expand access to higher education.

I commend all who have committed to this work and are helping to make positive impacts across communities, including the entire U.N.C.F. team and the event's honorary chairperson, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. The U.N.C.F.'s legacy providing support and assistance to students in Illinois, shaping their experience so that they have what they need to become leaders in all industries—it is a testament to how we can build the future we seek to create by uplifting the next generations.

I also want to shine a light on the families, friends, workers, volunteers, and participants who made this year's walk so meaningful with their presence. Together, we can build the groundwork to help every young person, in every community, reach their full potential. Thank you for showing how far we can go to make that a reality when we walk side by side.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JS" with a flourish.

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