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ROBERT H. SMITH
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Dear Students,

Hello and welcome to the Robert H. Smith School of Business! I hope you are as excited to begin this life-changing experience in the Smith Business Master's program as we are to have you here.

Over the next year you will be challenged as you engage with some of the world's most insightful thought leaders. You will learn from the diverse backgrounds, viewpoints, and experiences of your classmates.

Our job – the faculty and staff at Smith – is to provide you with the resources, experiences, and knowledge you need to become principled leaders, creative risk-takers, informed and data-informed decision makers, and entrepreneurial innovators. We will create an environment that fosters intellectual curiosity and allows you to acquire the insights you will need to tackle real-world business challenges.

Take full advantage of all that the Smith School has to offer throughout the program. You will have opportunities to work closely with our Office of Career Services and the Centers for Excellence while attending forums, conferences, CEO speaker series, and other academic activities. The University will also provide a wide range of activities, clubs, services, events, and organizations that will further enhance your experience.

These experiences beyond the classroom will enrich your learning. All these opportunities are waiting for you to pursue, to create a transformational experience that broadens your horizons, builds up your strengths and positions you for the career you desire. College Park is located just eight miles from The White House and the region is rich in unparalleled professional opportunity, diverse cultural, and recreational resources. It is home to federal agencies, corporate headquarters, world-class think tanks, and national and international nonprofits. In addition, Washington, D.C. is endowed with museums, national landmarks, parks, restaurants, shops and professional sports teams. We hope you take time to explore the region outside of College Park.

The work will be demanding, but despite your busy schedule I hope you will take some time to cheer on the Terps and become an active part of the Smith community. On behalf of that community, I welcome you to Smith!

Yours Sincerely,

Prabhudev Konana
Dean and Professor of Information Systems