LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER

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Building, Connecting, and Inspiring a Global Community of Changemakers

Dear Friends,

For 10 years, Northeastern University's Women Who Empower network–students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends–has been coming together to foster opportunities and environments in which all people thrive. In every corner of the world, we are building, connecting, and inspiring a global community of changemakers. And we are having an impact.

How do we know? We see it in the stories and experiences shared at events across our global network of 13 campuses and cities around the world, from Boston to London, Dubai to Singapore, and so many places in between. We see it in the success of our student-led WISE group, which has encouraged thousands of individuals to embrace the power and potential of their ideas and helped launch more than 100 ventures and nearly 150 mentorship pairings in the group's first five years. And we see it in the ripple effects of our Women Who Empower Innovator Awards, which have distributed more than $1.32 million to 102 trailblazers who are leading change and reimagining solutions across industries and continents since 2021.

I hope you will not only see but feel the power of this community as you peruse the pages of this keepsake publication. If a picture paints a thousand words, then you will experience some truly joyful art in our depiction of a decade of inclusive impact. We are also excited to share some insights and reflections–both weighty and *wow!*–from inspiring members of our community. I trust that, as you read on, you will understand how fervently I believe that when we come together and harness our collective energy and strength, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

Today, we are at an inflection point, and our trajectory is up to us. This magazine–and this wonderfully supportive, positive, and purposeful community–is for anyone who believes that shared commitment can change lives. It certainly has changed mine. For those who are already part of our mission, thank you from the bottom of my heart. And, if you're new, we welcome you warmly. I hope you enjoy this celebration of our last decade, and I look forward to shaping the next 10 years of impact with you.

Sincerely,

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