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Dear Mr. Bumgardner:

Please accept my personal congratulations on being named a 2001 Hearin Professor. Your dedication to your career at Mississippi State University and your commitment to molding the leaders of tomorrow are to be commended.

As Henry Brooks Adams said, "*A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.*" Dedicated teachers impact not only the lives of their students, but also impact their communities, their state, and their country. With the hard work and commitment of leaders like you, we will continue making great strides toward making Mississippi America's State of Promise.

Allow me to join my fellow Mississippians in recognizing your contributions. Again, congratulations to you and best wishes for continuing success.

Very truly yours,

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