Dear current and prospective students,

Grace College deeply desires to help its students flourish and grow. Because of this, we have spent much time in prayer determining how we can best meet your needs. As a college, we are excited to implement changes that will keep this desire alive and will keep the school viable as we move forward into the future.

The staff and faculty at Grace have worked closely together to develop a plan that specifically meets your needs. As the economy has continued to falter, we have heard your concerns. With the stresses of the economic downturn, we saw our prices continue to rise while the average family income did not. As it was, there was no current model to contain costs that would truly help families, and cutting costs simply was not working. We recognize the need to be more efficient dollar-wise and time-wise while still providing a quality Christ-centered education. I firmly believe this approach accomplishes our goals of serving the increasing needs of today’s families and meets our needs all around.

The move to a new academic calendar and a three-year accelerated degree option is significant for us. There is certainly risk involved, but we believe that the risk is far greater if we do not act now, taking steps to make a Grace College education more affordable for more families. We are not alone in recognizing this need. Both Senator (R-Tenn.) and former United States Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander and Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels are publicly pushing for more schools to adopt a three-year accelerated degree option. Our new model can help achieve that purpose, and we are thrilled to be among the first U.S. colleges to offer accelerated degrees that apply to all of our areas of study.

We are excited to be on the front lines of a nationwide change in higher education, and we are honored that you have chosen to undergo this transition with us. Our commitment to you is only paralleled by our dedication and resolve to provide high quality education that is committed to teaching the authority of scripture and the value of a strong biblical community.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Manahan
President