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To SUNY Poly Faculty, Staff, and Students:

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to each of you who volunteered at the Central New York 2019 Regional FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC), which was hosted by our SUNY Poly Utica campus for the second year in a row. When SUNY Poly students, faculty, and staff partner to make a difference, you catalyze inspiring educational opportunities.

This year's successful event saw students—who traveled to our campus from as far as Turkey—work together to solve STEM-based challenges in creative and innovative ways with the support of mentors, family, and friends. Events like this are important ways in which we can help to inspire young minds and create a future filled with leaders in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.

Because of your efforts, all who came to SUNY Poly for the CNY 2019 Regional FRC were able to see firsthand SUNY Poly's steadfast focus on enabling wide-ranging STEM opportunities for its students as part of a campus atmosphere that fosters innovation, teamwork, and hands-on learning.

Whether you volunteered for the duration of the event or for a few hours, the time you spent as part of the CNY 2019 Regional FRC team undoubtedly made a difference in a student's life. Thank you for your extra effort that, altogether, showcased SUNY Poly's dedication to empowering young students so they can thrive.

Sincerely,

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