Greetings International Students and Scholars of Georgia State University:

As Mayor of the City of Atlanta, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to our city as you embark on the next chapter of your academic career.

An education is a gateway through which we can discover our purpose in the world. The awareness garnered from education and learning inspires us all to live the best life possible. I salute your dedication to pursue educational opportunities in the United States and in Atlanta at Georgia State University, a multi-campus research institution with more than 50,000 students, including 2,600 international students and scholars from 130 countries.

Leaving home, saying good-bye to friends and family, embracing a new culture, and navigating all the challenges that come with living in a new country can present a set of challenges. It will also be transformative and unforgettable. I commend you on your choice of Atlanta and Georgia State University. Atlanta has a long history of being an international city, and today, you contribute to this legacy.

While in our city, we encourage attendees to explore the many attractions Atlanta has to offer including: the Atlanta Streetcar, the Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Center, the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, CNN Center, Centennial Olympic Park, Woodruff Arts Center, Atlanta Botanical Garden, Children’s Museum of Atlanta, National Center for Civil and Human Rights, College Football Hall of Fame and many more. We invite you to share in our Southern hospitality, sample cuisine at our many fine restaurants and enjoy the rich and diverse heritage of our city.

On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I offer my best wishes with your studies and research at Georgia State University.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kasim Reed