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Message from Dean P. Mabel Nelson

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Greetings

This year is a memorable one for the home economics family at Iowa State. It marks the seventy-fifth year that courses in home economics, once called "domestic economy," have been taught on this campus. It is fitting that such a long and useful life be commemorated in an appropriate manner.

During the last 75 years the home economics family has grown from a staff of 1 to 135; the enrollment, from a few to 1,600 students. Scattered throughout the world are 6,489 graduates devoting their lives to furthering the highest ideals of homemaking.

We are grateful for the heritage that has made the world acknowledge that training women for their life work is just as essential and desirable as training men for their careers. Women are key people in building and maintaining the ideals of our American homes, the basic foundation of our democracy.

The responsibilities of the next 75 years will challenge the soundness of our heritage. Guided and sustained by our faith in God, our country, our homes and our fellow men, may we respond to this challenge. May we meet the future as courageously and successfully as did the women who are credited with present achievements in home economics education for women.

—Dean P. Mabel Nelson