

THE WHITE HOUSE

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It is my pleasure to send my warmest regards to all those celebrating International Education Week.

As First Lady, one of my core missions is encouraging young people to take charge of their futures through education. That is why I am so thrilled our friends at the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have teamed up to promote international education and exchange worldwide.

This year, the theme of International Education Week is "Advancing Access for All," emphasizing a commitment to inclusive education for every student—and that includes the 62 million girls around the world who do not have the opportunity to go to school. The President and I launched an initiative called Let Girls Learn to ensure girls across the globe have every chance to receive the education they deserve, and it's going to take all of us working together to make that goal a reality. We know that there is still much to be done, and it gives me great hope to know our shared future will be shaped by leaders who have the knowledge and skills to collaborate across cultures with a greater understanding of the world.

Throughout International Education Week, I wish you all the very best.

*Michelle Obama*