A Letter to Friends of the Hutton Honors College:

Everyone at the Hutton Honors College (HHC) is grateful for the outpouring of concern over recent allegations linking an incident of anti-Jewish vandalism to an employee in the Hutton Honors College.

As the investigation moves forward, we use this opportunity to reflect on the core values that define the Hutton Honors College, including the free exchange of ideas and unfettered pursuit of knowledge – but also, tolerance and respect.

In the spirit of transforming an abhorrent incident into a learning opportunity, we note the favorable timing of a spring 2011 course to be offered in the Hutton Honors College entitled, “Understanding Antisemitism.” The instructor is Alvin H. Rosenfeld, a Professor of English and Jewish Studies and Director of the Center in the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism. Dr. Rosenfeld is hosting a major international conference on contemporary antisemitism in April 2011 at IUB – a meeting co-sponsored by the Hutton Honors College.

Faculty, staff, and students in the Hutton Honors College are proud of these and many other HHC offerings, including courses, volunteer opportunities, and extracurricular activities that explore justice, deference, equity, and, of course, honor. They are the outgrowths of a community that cares, fundamentally, about people, and that does not discriminate, in its practices or programs, on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

On behalf of all members of the Hutton Honors College community, thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

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