

## IMPRESSIONS OF SUA

*“I am confident that the university’s presence will be a great source of hope for the entire world.”*  
— SGI President Daisaku Ikeda, May 12, 2000, *World Tribune*

**“With the sound of construction reverberating far and wide, I ask that America lead the way in raising the curtain on another new phase in the worldwide kosen-rufu movement.”**

— SGI President Daisaku Ikeda, May 12 *World Tribune*

**“The United States will be a focus of the new century, and I want to establish a fine educational institution, a world center of learning, there. This is my wish and my determination as the university’s founder.”**

— SGI President Daisaku Ikeda, Aug. 4 *World Tribune*

*“I hope you or someone you love will have the great fortune to attend SUA now or in the future. If your experience is anything close to what I’ve gained from my Soka education, it’s bound to become the most valuable four years of your entire life.”*

— Craig DeRousse, Sept. 1 *World Tribune*

*“Most of all, I am deeply indebted to Soka University for nurturing my son’s individuality and encouraging him to respect himself for who he is. As a result, he returned a much happier person after studying at Soka University.”*

— Carol DeRousse-Holladay, Sept. 1 *World Tribune*

**“I’ve had the privilege of watching our staff and faculty grow to a group of dynamic, committed individuals who are excited about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a truly unique student-centered university founded on the Buddhist principles of peace, human rights and the sanctity of life.”**

— Eric Hauber, July 28 *World Tribune*

**“I can’t explain the excitement I felt and still feel, or the wonderment that such a place exists, for this is where the lions and lionesses will dwell, accomplishing their mission “as world citizens in solidarity for peace”—where great people are going to develop into great leaders, and where the struggle for peace will begin.”**

— Karina Barrios, Sept. 1 *World Tribune*