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Greetings and a warm welcome to the Lally School of Management & Technology – Rensselaer’s Business School!

It is our great pleasure to have this opportunity to sponsor and to organize the *Information Systems Research’s* special issue symposium on “Digital Systems and Competition.” I fully expect you will come away from this symposium having engaged in intellectually stimulating discussions that advance fresh investigation of the relationship between information technology and emergent competition, and having developed a connection with one another that will prove fruitful to you all.

As Rensselaer’s business school, the Lally School has a long history of focus on innovation. Our areas of focus are technological entrepreneurship and financial engineering and risk analytics. We hope you have a chance to tour the campus a bit and see our various research centers in the schools of science and engineering, the Center for Biotechnology and Interdisciplinary Studies, the Computational Center for Nanotechnology and Innovation, the Engineering Research Center for Lighting Technology, or Rensselaer’s most recent enterprise, the Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC), the nexus of research, technology and the performing arts.

A majority of our graduate students have engineering backgrounds and our curriculum reflects our commitment to delivering to them a rigorous and relevant curriculum. Technology and innovation are built into our core courses, into our internships, and into the fabric of our culture, with many non-curricular programs sponsored by the Lally School’s Severino Center for Technological Entrepreneurship and the International Center for Research in Finance.

We look forward to the three days you’ll be with us for this symposium, and we hope the symposium initiates a long a fruitful interaction you will have with us.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Gautschi". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

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