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O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities [and especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Book of Common Prayer, p. 824).

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