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Dear Friends and Families of La Salle High School,

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines the word **“accomplishment”** as: something that has been accomplished; achievement; a quality or ability equipping one for society. And, as we reflect upon the successes of our recent graduating class and consider the capability and merits of our current student body, perhaps the words **“La Salle High School”** should be added to that definition. A little boastful? Perhaps. But, wow...are we on a roll!

For starters, once again La Salle received the #1 “Best Private High School in Yakima County” rating by Niche, an organization that ranks public and private schools and universities throughout our country. For the 12th consecutive year, our entire senior class was college accepted, and more than \$4.1 million was offered in scholarships and financial aid to those grads! Those acceptances were numerous and to some pretty prestigious colleges and universities, including Stanford, Baylor, UCLA, and UNC-Chapel Hill, just to name a few.

Likewise, athletic achievements have been many, as our girls’ soccer team won the 1-A State Championship, our girls’ basketball team also secured State Champion status, and four different La Salle coaches were named “Coach of the Year”. League and District championships have been common as well. Not too shabby for a school that plays **up** to the 1-A division.

But to me, achievement is best exemplified when a student, who would otherwise be unable to attend La Salle because of financial hardship, gets that opportunity, and then knocks it out of the park. Because of the generosity of La Salle supporters such as you, this happens all the time. One such student is “Frida”. “Frida” was attracted to La Salle’s reputation for preparing students for

post-secondary studies. A talented thespian, student leader, and member of the Cheer Squad, she also produced our video announcements, served on ASB, ran Cross Country, and worked part time at TJ Maxx. Upon graduation, “Frida” began her college career at Grand Canyon University. Her family was one of the more than 60% of Lasallian families who are thankful for the tuition assistance they received, for that support put Frida on the college trajectory.

Our students come from all over the valley, from different schools, cultures, and economic circumstances. We are more than 55% diverse, and more than 30% of our student body is free and reduced lunch qualified. Yet, despite our diversity, all are included, all are accepted, all belong. Here at La Salle, we celebrate our faith, foster service to others, advocate for the poor and marginalized, and promote life-long learning. We are building tomorrow’s leaders today, which brings me back to the beginning of my letter to you. We at La Salle...thanks to the support that we receive from champions like you...are doing the kinds of things that are *“equipping one for society”*. Accomplishment, indeed.

As we approach the year’s end, please accept my thanks and gratitude for your commitment to our amazing school. And, I look forward to sharing many more accomplishments with you. After all, we are just getting started!

Blessings to you and yours,

Tim McGree, President



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