



Dear Friend,

Every Friday, I love having lunch with a small group of students from the senior class. My goal is to see the Cathedral story through their lens, from their perspectives. I hear why they believe Cathedral is so special, and I learn how they'd like to see our community grow for the students coming up behind them. It's typically the best 45 minutes of my week. At the end of lunch, I ask how they would describe a Cathedral senior using just one word.



**INSPIRING.
RESILIENT.
EMPOWERED.
SUCCESSFUL.
DRIVEN.**

These descriptors do not represent cookie-cutter marketing lingo. They represent the power of a Cathedral education, and more importantly, the important self-recognition of our graduating senior class of the three pillars we have identified as our guiding lights for our students: **college readiness, leadership readiness, and life readiness**. If our seniors are illustrative of the character and charm that our world needs, then we should all feel hopeful!

As we begin to think of the conclusion of this year, and begin preparation for the next, I wanted to share three simple, yet powerful reasons why I hope you'll consider making your first gift to Cathedral.

Mission: There is nothing more powerful than providing a transformational education for a student who may not otherwise have a chance. That is what Cathedral has always done, and what Cathedral will continue to always do.

A School on the Move: Cathedral is a school filled with vision and aspiration. From enhanced AP and Honors offerings, to increased community partnerships, to our budding Student Ambassador program, to more competitive teaching salaries, Cathedral is creating an environment that positions our students to thrive, and our community to excel.

Our Students Need You: During those same Friday lunches, our seniors are clear: it is both the opportunity to come to Cathedral that they feel has changed them, and the opportunities they experience once at Cathedral that truly transformed them. As I speak with them about someday giving back to Cathedral, they recognize that someone has made that incredible gesture for them.

During my two years at Cathedral, I have learned that Cathedral is synonymous with opportunity, with hope, with transformation, and with love. **It could be your support of our mission, and our deserving families, that stokes the Cathedral fire.** No gift goes unnoticed.

I was once told that the first time you realize someone else could benefit more from the dollar in your pocket than you, you have become a philanthropist who changes lives. We hope you choose Cathedral as your opportunity to make that change happen!

Sincerely,

Dan Carmody
President



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