



Dear Fellow Alumni,

I trust this letter finds you well. I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season with those dearest to you. In two weeks I will be returning to Carlisle, PA to begin the second semester of my junior year at Dickinson College. While taking some time to reflect on 2006 and on my experiences from the fall, Academy Prep is in my thoughts. I only wish that you have found the occasion to think about it as well. It is more a part of our everyday lives than you know whether you are discussing it with fellow alumni, a prospective student or parent, or simply reminiscing about cherished memories.

*Our School.* Selfishly, many of us consider Academy Prep to be “ours” in some way or another. It is a feeling that is apparent each time we discuss a favorite class, a crucial play in a basketball game, a memorable conversation with a friend, or even when we playfully imitate one of our favorite teachers or administrators. We make this school our own when we share with others that it is more than merely stone walls, classrooms, and basketball courts. It is a place that cultivates close relationships, enduring friendships, and lifelong learning. Academy Prep instills a belief in us to never give up on our dreams despite the obstacles life presents us with. It is a family. We must acknowledge that there is a lasting bond between our lives and Academy Prep. We should be grateful for the opportunities given to us and for the lessons we have learned about charity and generosity.

As a member of Academy Prep’s first class I realize that I shoulder both a great responsibility and carry forth a tremendous legacy. But, this is a burden I gladly embrace. If you have the same mutual connection with AP- if you truly believe that this place made you a better person, more thoughtful citizen, and more dedicated to a life of scholarship- then I encourage you to give back a little of yourself this year and every year. I recognize that many of us are unsure about what the future holds for our lives in a world that is constantly changing around us, I can however promise you that any financial contributions you make or any time spent mentoring current students will have an immediate impact on someone else’s life and hopefully even your own. This is a place, with a youthful a history that dedicates itself to changing lives, and so it will only survive if its alumni dedicate themselves as well. As an alumni community we must do our part.

So I encourage you to stay in touch, make efforts to attend alumni events, and continue to spread the word about Academy Prep with family, new friends and contacts. Please support Academy Prep’s mission in whatever way you can during this year and in the coming ones as well. Remember to register online at <http://alumni.academyprep.org/>. I give my best for a happy, meaningful, and exciting New Year.

Sincerely,  
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