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Dear Friends,

It was just a year ago that our youngest child, Brett graduated from Christ Episcopal School. Our association with Christ Episcopal School as parents began in 1998 when Lauren enrolled in 4th grade. Over those many years, as we saw the faces of the students, parents, teachers and administration change, CES stayed true to its mission to have their students become kind, confident, well-rounded individuals prepared to contribute to their community and thrive personally, spiritually and academically. Lauren, now 27, embodied those traits during her high school and college years and now as she enjoys a successful and rewarding career. Brett has had a busy high school freshman year, but his academic preparation for high school has made the transition to a much larger school so much easier.

They each have special memories of their CES teachers challenging and encouraging them to work to their full potential, to think critically and to be life-time learners. As parents, we appreciated the small classroom settings allowing the teachers to work with and know all their students. Lauren also remembers reading in chapel, performing in the Spring musicals, Builder's Club, Dessert Theater and in 8th grade, performing in "As You Like It". Brett, who started at CES at age 3, recalls how much he enjoyed the soccer and basketball teams in middle school and performing in "A Midsummer's Night Dream" at the Folger Theater last spring with his classmates. Both loved their time at Echo Hill for outdoor education. These activities were wonderful opportunities for expanding their comfort zone and confidence in their abilities beyond the classroom.

We will continue to annually support CES as we believe that it provides its students with a well-rounded education in the classroom and beyond. As we near the end of the school year and the June 30th end of the 2016 - 2017 Annual Fund, I hope you will join us in making a gift to help bridge the gap between tuition revenue and the cost of a CES education. The goal for this year's Annual Fund is \$275,000 and we need your help to reach the goal. Donations can be made via <http://cesrockville.org/donate>, or by sending a check to Christ Episcopal School, 22 West Jefferson Street, Rockville, MD 20850.

Sincerely,

Alison Olsen