



# St. Pius X High School

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Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

I sincerely hope that this letter finds both you and your family well. While I have been away for the past several years, rest assured that both you and Ryan were often times present in my thoughts.

I am writing you today in the hopes of securing your family's support for an effort on the part of the SPX Class of 2005 to commemorate Ryan's legacy while demonstrating our support for the Saint Pius community.

Our class leadership has decided that in order to mark our fourth year since graduation—a year that brings another collection of significant transitions from school to work or further graduate studies—we as a class would like to establish an endowed scholarship.

As Ryan was, and continues to be, such a positive force our lives, we thought it only fitting to dedicate the scholarship in his memory. With your permission, the scholarship fund would be named the "Class of 2005 Ryan D. Beaulieu Memorial Endowment"; which would for years to come be an example of our class's dedication to ensuring that all qualified students can access a Saint Pius education, as well as a reminder of Ryan's life and the mark he left on our graduating class.

If you allow us to honor Ryan in this manner, we hope to endow this scholarship by this September, with a formal presentation happening sometime during Homecoming Week. Should your family give its blessing to this project, we would like to sit down with you or another family representative over the next month to discuss a few matters regarding how we will choose to govern and sustain this endowment.

In terms of fund governance, there are several options available to us. As the nation's economy has continued to decline, the school has seen a significant increase in demand for financial aid. We as a Class hope to help the school in meeting that need, and have thus decided to open up this endowment to support student financial aid. We have yet to decide, however, upon the specific criteria for making grant awards. Should we decide to allocate awards based solely on need, then we as a Class would provide little oversight for the awards process, and funds would be directed by the administration to students qualifying for financial aid.

As an alternative to a purely needs-based allotment model, we may also choose to attach certain conditions onto the award. For instance, in memory of Ryan's love for nature and ornithology, we could attach certain conditions to the award that require prospective recipients to be actively involved in natural conservancy activities. This option would require the Class to be more actively involved in making yearly award decisions, as we would work with the Administration to determine whether or not prospective candidates meet previously specified qualifications. We would of course welcome your input on this issue, and your family's involvement in making award decisions should we indeed choose this option.

In addition to supporting financial aid, our class would also like to make some of the endowment funds available for the school administration to spend on certain programs and capital improvements. This option would provide us with further opportunities to ensure that funds distributed from this endowment align with Ryan's legacy by going to support, among other things, classes in the natural sciences or the development of the School's natural environment. Again, we welcome your input on this option, and would welcome your family's involvement in making future funding decisions.

Once we have laid out a fund-agreement, addressing many of the questions I've outlined above, we will begin our first fundraising drive to help build the fund. Currently, we have nearly \$6,000 dollars ready to get the fund going! It is our hope that we can grow the fund to the \$30,000 level—the benchmark at which funds start paying out interest for financial aid and/or programmatic and capital improvements—by our tenth year reunion in 2015.

Moving forward, I will be the Class contact person on this effort. Once you have had a chance to discuss these matters with your family, and come to a decision on whether or not you would like us to proceed is setting up this fund, you may contact me by phone at 609-651-3891, or email at [jacob.candelaria@nmlegis.gov](mailto:jacob.candelaria@nmlegis.gov). As we hope to endow this fund by mid-September, if possible I would love to hear from you by mid-August.

Again, my fondest wishes to you and yours.

As always,



Jacob Candelaria