

Dear Friends of Cambridge Rindge & Latin School,

As we celebrate the holidays and look forward to a new year, this is also the time that we think about how we can help others. As you consider your end of year contributions, you cannot find a more rewarding cause than helping our CRLS seniors in need of financial assistance to realize their academic and career dreams.

Reading through last year's very impressive scholarship applications, I learned about the financial obstacles these students are facing. They often cite parents who have struggled and worked hard in the hopes of providing their children with a better future than they have known. I read about challenges these parents have faced, such as life threatening illness, mental health issues, and partners unable to contribute to their children's support. These financial obstacles have only increased, as COVID relief measures have ended, substantially reducing financial assistance for rent, food, temporary and part-time work, and tax relief for low-income families.

But, what is most affecting when reading these applications, is how these remarkable young people have been shaped by the challenges they have faced. It is so inspiring how they have used their experiences, and the sacrifices and hurdles their parents have confronted to provide for them. In so many cases, these experiences were the catalyst that spurred them on to work hard and identify paths to potential success which include helping others to overcome the same challenges they have faced.

Knowing the difference these scholarships made in the lives of past recipients can only move us to donate more and feel a deep sense of satisfaction. CRLS scholarship recipients not only talk about the help these funds provide for tuition, books and supplies, they also talk about how this support helps reduce their stress about funding their education so they can concentrate more on their studies, worry less about the burden on their parents, and allay their anxiety about the debt they will carry post graduation.

I hope that you are as inspired as I am by these young people and, in this season of giving, you know the wonderful feeling of donating generously. **To donate, go to focrls.org (automatic recurring monthly gifts are especially appreciated) or mail your check payable to Friends of CRLS to: Friends of CRLS, P.O. Box 391541, Cambridge MA 02139.**

I thank you in advance for helping these amazing young people to realize the future they are working so hard to achieve.



Jamie Sabino, FOCRLS Board President



"The FOCRLS scholarship helped me tremendously. I could focus more on my academics and extracurriculars rather than worry about money."

— Asif, 2017 FOCRLS scholarship awardee, 2021 BU grad, and software engineer

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