

Dear Friends of Cambridge Rindge & Latin School,

Reading this year's CRLS scholarship applications, I had one recurring thought. More than ever, we need the talent, commitment, and passion of our CRLS students to ensure a thriving economy and a just society for our future. And more than ever, they need our help to realize their full potential and fulfill their academic aspirations so that they can make these vital contributions.

My strong feeling about the role these students will play in our future is based on how dedicated, talented, and hardworking they are. I was particularly struck by how they have so often used the challenges they faced growing up to shape their future career aspirations in the hope of saving others some of the pain they have experienced, as well as their dedication to making the world a better place. When I read these applications, some of my anxiety about the challenges our society is facing was allayed, thinking that these talented, dedicated, and caring young people will become the doctors, nurses, engineers, scientists, computer scientists, educators, and lawyers that will form the backbone of our society.

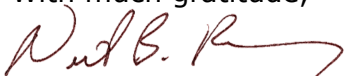
But the obstacles they are facing are greater than ever. So many of these students have already had to overcome so much — personal loss, students and family members struggling with health challenges, parents trying to provide for their families in the face of unemployment or underemployment, and more. And while we always say the need is greater than ever, it has never been more true. Large federal cuts to higher education are looming on the horizon, while at the same time, cuts to the very critical federal support for housing, food, child care, and healthcare, so vital to low-income families desperately trying to make ends meet, are being proposed. All of this will make it harder than ever for our low-income students and their families to finance their education.

Update: This spring, because of your generosity, FOCRLS will be awarding **\$101,200** in scholarships to 50 impressive and grateful CRLS seniors. By giving now, your substantial donation can help ensure that we provide the desperately needed assistance to an even greater number of next year's seniors.

Knowing the generosity and caring of our FOCRLS supporters, I ask you to ensure that your donation meets the challenge of this moment. To make a donation, go to focrls.org (automatic recurring monthly gifts are especially appreciated) or mail your check payable to *Friends of CRLS* with "Grad25" on the memo line to: FOCRLS, P.O. Box 391541, Cambridge MA 02139.

By helping these students to realize their full potential, we are also helping ourselves to play a role in ensuring that in our future, we can live in a thriving, compassionate, and just society.

With much gratitude,



Neil Rosenberg, FOCRLS Treasurer and Scholarship Committee Chair



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"As a neuroscience and linguistics major on the pre-med track, this scholarship will be life-changing for me. It will not only help ease the financial pressure on my parents but also allow me to focus on my education without the constant worry of how to pay for it. This scholarship will also allow me to continue a legacy of perseverance. I am determined to use my education to uplift others."

- Rose, CRLS Class of 2025,
Boston College Class of 2029,
and FOCRLS scholarship awardee