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LETTER TO THE CLASS OF 2021

from Mr. Reeves



Mr. Reeves and Meghan Smith

Dear Class of 2021,

It is with great honor that I congratulate all of you on the distance you have covered over the course of your scholastic journey. You have made the most of your time here at OSB and we are grateful for the time you have spent with us.

More than any other year, the graduates of the Class of 2021 have met the challenges the world presented to them with our trademark Husky grit and tenacity. You have embraced a strong work ethic to achieve your goals, reaching personal and academic milestones along the way to great success.

You will always remember your time at OSB and so will all of us who were here cheering you on. Forever a Husky, you will always have a place to return to where you are cherished.

To the Class of 2021, it is a great privilege to have known you, to have shared in your challenges and successes, to think about all that you have achieved and to be with you along the way. Keep growing, keep adding beauty to the world we live in, keep overcoming and keep believing in yourselves.

I'll close by leaving you with a quote from someone we all admire, someone who understands the path we travel.

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." — Helen Keller

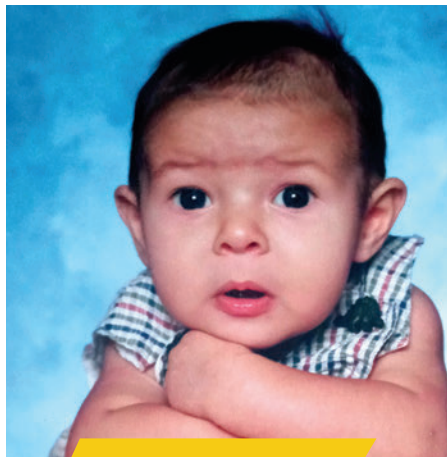
My very best to all of you!

Todd Reeves
Executive Director and CEO

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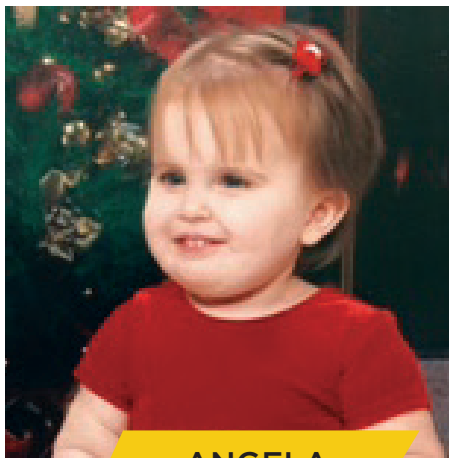
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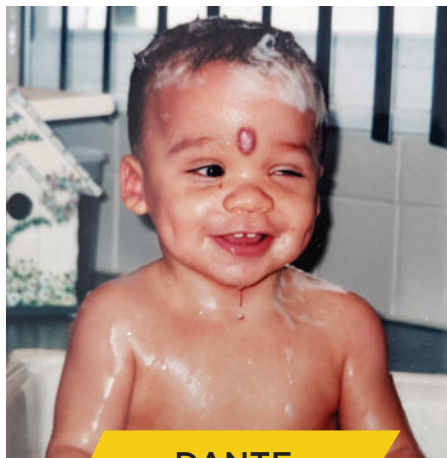
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AMANDA



CHRISTINA



MEGHAN



GABRIELLE

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CLASS OF 2021



STEPHANIE ATRISCO-SANCHEZ



Started at OSB: 2019

Sports/Activities/Achievements: Fall Festival, music therapy, physical education, the Samuel Kessler Award, and Joseph J. Kerr Award

Favorite Memory: Playing keyboard and participating in music activities

Future Plans/Goals: Participate in a community support program and live at home with my family

Favorite Quote

“Change the world by being yourself.”

SCOT STEVEN BECKER



Started at OSB: 2018

Sports/Activities/Achievements: wrestling, goalball, track, Farm to Table, White Hall, Kohn Memorial Award for Physical Education, Harrison Prize for Off-Campus Work, the Alfred F. Musumeci Memorial Scholarship, and the Sergeant Brooks E. Gray Memorial Award

Favorite Memory: Working in the OSB Greenhouse

Future Plans/Goals: Would like to work in Food Service, preferably BBQ, possibly work in a fish hatchery

Favorite Quote

“Believe in yourself and you’ll go far in life.”

JESSICA BOBO



Nickname: J

Started at OSB: 2004-2007; returned in 2016

Sports/Activities/Achievements: Mixed Choir, Spirit Week, Fall Festival, Peter A. Cautili Science Award, Kohn Memorial Award for Computer Literacy, Elizabeth Roe-Dunning Award, Shining Light Council #2, and the John Forbes Gordon Prize

Favorite Memory: When Gabby and I stayed at a hotel together at Hiram G. Andrews

Future Plans/Goals: I will be working.

Favorite Quote

“Stay true to yourself.”

ANGELA BETH CARR



Nickname: Ang, ABC

Started at OSB: 2003

Sports/Activities/Achievements: swimming, Cheerleading, goalball, track and field, Choir, Bell Choir, Talent Show, Nutrition Committee, Student Council, Youth Advisory Council, Kohn Memorial Awards, Danfield Music Awards, Linda Adacusky Award, Liz Baglivo O&M Award, Alfred F. Musumeci Memorial Scholarship, Shining Light Council #2

Favorite Memory: Through all my years at OSB, I have learned things I need to know for when I leave.

Future Plans/Goals: Project SEARCH or Community College of Philadelphia to become a teacher.

Favorite Quote

“Believe what you can achieve.”

DANTE CHASE-MULRANEY



Nickname: DMan

Started at OSB: 2003

Sports/Activities/Achievements: swim, track and field, goalball, Voices of Overbrook, Choir, Mixed Ensemble, Kohn Memorial Award for ECC, Brown Award for Spoken English, John P. Boyle Memorial Award, and the John Forbes Gordon Prize

Favorite Memory: Went to gatehouse to take a tour

Future Plans/Goals: Work — possibly in security

Favorite Quote

“Let the beauty of what you love be what you do.”

AMANDA HASELTINE



Nickname: Mandy

Started at OSB: 2009

Sports/Activities/Achievements: Yoga, physical education, Fun Day, Spirit Week, tree decorating, Hoopla for Hearts, Fall Festival, music therapy, E. Blackwell Chapman Award, and the Joseph J. Kerr Award

Favorite Memory: Enjoyed shopping at the mall and having lunch out with my friends

Future Plans/Goals: I would like to attend a program in my community.

Favorite Quote

“The meaning of life is to give life meaning.”

CHRISTINA MARIE MERTZ



Nickname: Chrissy

Started at OSB: 2002

Sports/Activities/Achievements: Music Therapy, Fun Day, Fall Festival, KAC Greeter, Community Instruction, Spirit Week, Danfield Prize for Music Therapy, Samuel Kessler Award, and the John P. Boyle Memorial Award

Favorite Memory: Christina loved to carry staff members' keys around campus. She loves to play the keyboard and change the radio station in the classroom. Her nickname is DJ Chrissy Chris.

Future Plans/Goals: Christine would like to be active in her community and enjoy time with family.

Favorite Quote

**“When words fail,
music speaks.”**

MEGHAN ELIZABETH SMITH



Nickname: Meg

Started at OSB: 2002

Sports/Activities/Achievements: Spirit Day, Fall Festival, Fun Day, Aquatic Center Greeter, Lucy Boyle Memorial Award, Kohn Memorial Award for Expanded Core Curriculum, E. Blackwell Chapman Award, and the Blind Veterans Association of Pennsylvania Award

Favorite Memory: Working at the Overbrook Outpost and participating in community instruction

Future Plans/Goals: Meg is looking forward to spending time with her family.

Favorite Quote

**“Use your smile to change the
world: don't let the world
change your smile.”**

GABRIELLE G. ZACHWIEJA



Nickname: Gabby

Started at OSB: 2016

Sports/Activities/Achievements: Student Council, Mixed Choir, Nutrition Committee, Fall Festival, Talent Show, Spirit Week, Kohn Memorial Award for Social Studies, D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award, Linda Adacusky Award, William A. Hughes Memorial Award, Sergeant Brooks E. Gray Memorial Award, and the Francis Fisher Award for Scholarship

Favorite Memory: When Jessica and I went to Hiram G. Andrews and stayed in a hotel.

Future Plans/Goals: Career Path at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and hopefully get a job at CHOP.

Favorite Quote

"It's not where you start, it's where you finish. The comeback is greater than the setback."

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR FELLOW HUSKIES!

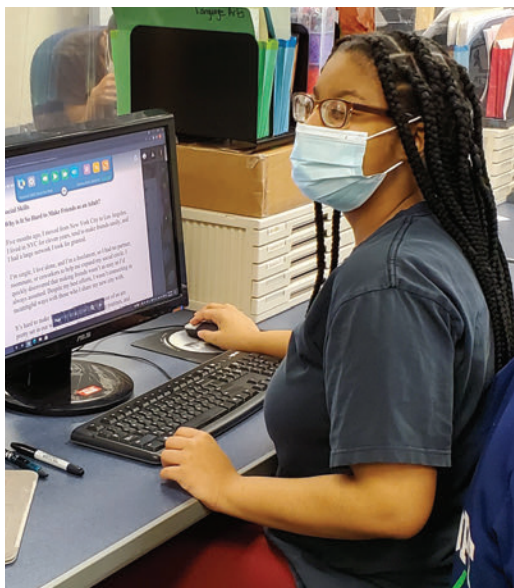
Overbrook School for the Blind is fortunate to have an active alumni association, made up of graduates and former students of all ages. Upon graduation, a student automatically becomes a member for one year.

The OSB Alumni Association affords members the opportunity to get together with their former classmates and share memories of their school days at Overbrook. Members volunteer their time to support programs and activities at the school. One of the major activities for the association is the annual reunion weekend held on the campus in June.

To learn more about the Overbrook Alumni association and how you can join, you may contact Donald Dunn, President of the Overbrook School for the Blind Alumni Association at dondunn@snip.net.



OSB GRADS IN ACTION





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021

from Ms. Brennan

Dear Class of 2021,

It is with great pride that I congratulate our Graduation Class of 2021. This has been a remarkable school year and it has been exciting to watch you embrace all the changes and new ways to learn. As usual, you have risen to the challenge and have thrived. Whether you chose to continue with virtual instruction or returned to our campus for face-to-face instruction, you have remained engaged with your teachers and classmates, participated in your lessons, brought humor to trying situations and have shown your flexibility and endurance changing from on campus to virtual to back on campus with little notice. You have made these transitions easier for all of us.

It has been my privilege to watch you grow through your high school years and for many of you, to watch you grow and learn since you came to us in Early Childhood. You have all worked so hard throughout your time here and have achieved so much. I'm excited to see what the future holds for you.

As you graduate and leave Overbrook, please know that you are always part of our Overbrook family. As you leave us to go forward with new and exciting adventures, know how lucky we are that you were here.

"Success isn't about how much money you make, it's about the difference you make in people's lives." — Michelle Obama

You have made a difference in our lives.

Congratulations!
Jackie Brennan
Superintendent



Ms. Brennan with Stephanie Atrisco-Sanchez

CONGRATS FROM YOUR TEACHERS!

Ms. Lisa and Ms. Danielle



Mr. Le, Ms. Marie,
Ms. Denise and Mr. Chris

Mr. Tevis, Ms. Amanda and
Mr. John Thomas



Ms. Ivy and Ms. Mary Anne

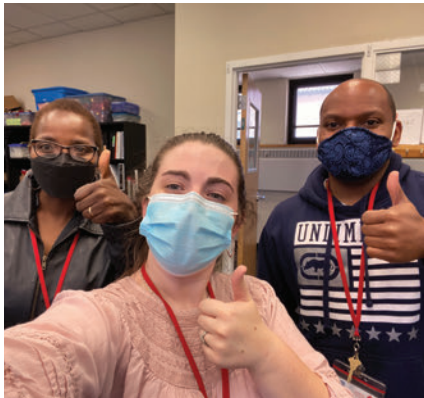
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Notes

Teachers, Family, Friends and Grads!

Use this space to write autographs, favorite memories, love notes, and funny scribbles to the graduate!

Mrs. Watson, Ms. Maci,
and Mr. Lee



Ms. Kendall and
Ms. Worsley



Ms. Betty Jean, Ms. Vaughan
and Ms. Amy



Ms. Lisa and Ms. Danielle

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Artwork created by each graduate. Top row (left to right): Scot, Gabby, Christina, Meghan
Bottom row (left to right): Jessica, Stephanie, Dante, Amanda, Angela

