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Dear Families and Friends of Duchesne High School,

We write to you with gratitude for your dedication to and belief in Duchesne High School. As supporters of the Duchesne community, we are proud of those who support the mission of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of St. Louis at this wonderful school.

We are very pleased to announce that we have chosen Mr. Chuck Nolan as the next president of Duchesne High School. A few months ago, Bernie Naumann announced his decision to resign as President at the end of this school year, due to his family relocating outside of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Mr. Naumann will continue to serve in his role as the president as we finish the school year with Mr. Nolan functioning in a collaborative process of leadership transition before assuming the president role July 1, 2015. This will allow for a strong transition process and allow these two individuals the opportunity to share the foundation that makes Duchesne special, and maximize support for the school into the future.

Currently, Mr. Nolan serves the Archdiocesan High School system as Vice President at Cardinal Ritter College Prep. In this role, he has served as the chief financial administrator of the school, worked to train staff and develop systems for enrollment management, initiated various fund raising strategies, chaired the Building and Grounds Committee and assisted the president in a variety of tasks. Previously he served as President at St. Pius X and has served as an assistant principal at other Catholic Schools in the diocese. Most importantly he has an extensive history with Duchesne first as a teacher and coach, later as principal, and then administrator for the school during the 1990s. He is a native of St. Louis, a product of Catholic Schools in our diocese, and a parent of two children who have gone through Catholic schools in the diocese. He has a M.A in Secondary Administration from St. Louis University and a B.A in English from Notre Dame College.

Mr. Nolan is very excited to return to Duchesne and has a deep commitment and passion for making the school as strong as possible in its service to our students. He has comprehensive experiences to bring the best practices and high energy necessary to work with all the participants in the Duchesne family. Mr. Nolan is a thoughtful administrator who continuously analyzes results to make adjustments for continuous improvement. He understands the need to constantly relate to all groups at Duchesne to enhance their involvement in strengthening their school. Mr. Nolan is a person who is dedicated to his faith and deeply committed to Catholic education. His management style is problem solving focused, transparent, collaborative, and results oriented. He has a strong passion for helping others in their formation as Catholics, especially young people.

We are both grateful and excited Mr. Nolan has agreed to assume this role of leadership and we have every confidence in him. He has a strong history of making a difference for each school he has served. Strong communication and commitment will allow him to focus on becoming connected to everyone in the Duchesne community while making an immediate impact to the school. Mr. Nolan has the enthusiasm and experience to immediately work with the leadership team to address the needs and challenges of the school. He has great desire to begin meeting with faculty, alumni, and parents and to quickly return as a vital member of the Duchesne family.

We look forward to supporting Mr. Chuck Nolan in this new assignment. We ask you to join us in welcoming and congratulating Mr. Nolan as he assumes this new leadership role for Duchesne High School.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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