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Dear Friends and Families of Nativity Prep,

Serving as the President of Nativity Prep has been an absolute honor. Every day I spend on campus, I find myself continually inspired by the examples of resilience and fortitude exhibited by our students and their families. Moreover, the foundation of love that lives in and roots this community gives me hope for our world.

Nativity Prep has etched an indelible mark on my heart, and therefore, it is with a blend of emotions that I announce this academic year will be my last as President. In July of 2024, I will begin a new professional journey as the Head of School at Newton Country Day School (NCDS) of the Sacred Heart, located in Newton, Massachusetts, an all-girls institution under the sponsorship of the Religious of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ). Newton Country Day is a faith-filled community committed to cultivating courage and confidence in young women—a mission that resonates deeply with my aspirations and echoes my wishes for every child here at Nativity Prep.

During my tenure at Nativity Prep, we have celebrated remarkable milestones and witnessed extraordinary growth that fills me with pride. We commemorated the 20th anniversary of our founding, a testament to the enduring values and foundation upon which our program stands. We have successfully increased the middle school student body by 20%, reflecting our commitment to accessible, quality education.

One of the crowning achievements of our expansion efforts has been the conception and creation of the [Nativity Prep STEM Center](#). This innovative hub is not just a facility; it's a beacon of opportunity, sparking curiosity, supporting career exploration, and fostering a love for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in our students.

Our reach now extends to 70 students in middle school, 84 in high school, and over 116 in college, bringing the total to more than 270 Nativity Prep students actively engaged in their educational journey. It is with heartfelt joy that I reflect on our shared endeavor to guide each of these students on a path to becoming the first in their families to graduate from college—an achievement that promises to be both transformative for them and a ripple of positive change in the community.

Whatever has been achieved in my time here at Nativity Prep results from a great team effort between the faculty, staff, donors, volunteers, and Board of Trustees at Nativity Prep Academy. The impact and significance of my time at Nativity Prep will forever remain close to my heart. I am deeply grateful for the trust you placed in me, the support I received, and the opportunity to contribute to the remarkable purpose and mission of our institution.

There is still so much work to be done, and I am more committed than ever to achieving our strategic plans. The Nativity Prep Board of Trustees has created a search committee to identify the next leader of Nativity Prep San Diego. Should you have any interest or care to nominate an individual for the position, please visit our [school website](#) to access the position statement. I am confident that Nativity Prep will attract a dynamic, faith-filled leader who can further propel this institution to its full potential.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve this community. While embarking on a new chapter in the coming months, please know that the lessons and friendships I have gained here will always remain with me, and I am forever grateful.

God Bless,

Jessica Hooper  
President

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