

January 21, 2021

My dear Parents, Alumnae, Benefactors and Friends,

Greetings to each one of you as we look forward both to the second semester at Dominican Academy and to the welcome of the Class of 2025. I am confident that we will be able to continue our academic pursuits while we grow in knowledge of the many opportunities provided at D.A. and in our love of each other and our God.

I want to share with you some news about the school's leadership. At the end of this school year, I will have concluded six years and completed my contracted two terms as the first President of our school. It has truly been a blessed time for me. One of the best parts has been meeting and engaging with good people like you.

While I originally planned to leave this June at the end of this school year, the pandemic happened. It did not seem right to leave in the middle of this catastrophe. I thought immediately of our students and you, and the need for stability during this crisis. Moreover, the search for a new president would have been more difficult in a period of lockdown. As such, after discussion with the Board, I have committed to staying at D.A. for an additional school year until June of 2022. This extension will help maintain harmony and cohesion during a tumultuous time and ensure a smooth transition for D.A.'s next President.

Because you are dear to my heart, I wanted to tell you this news myself. It has been a joy to know you and, in some cases, to have worked with you over these last years. Together we accomplished much for our beloved school. I look forward to continuing this journey with you next year as we advance our school's mission and support our students during our transition to new leadership. I thank you for your cooperation and friendship over the years and I assure you that I will carry you in my heart and prayers now and always.

With gratitude galore,

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