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Dear Alumni, Parents & Friends of Hill Top Prep,

When I came to Hill Top in 6th grade, I was quiet. I'm not sure if it was because I was embarrassed about my ADHD, Asperger's and OCD, or if it was because at my old school, I just didn't fit in. It was not easy. I was being bullied and to make matters worse, I started bullying other kids. I'd miss assignments and teachers would just move on. I had a difficult time getting along with my classmates because I couldn't tell if they were being serious or joking.

It wasn't long after I started at Hill Top that I realized the 45-minute commute was worth it. The classes were much smaller and I genuinely got along with the other students – there were only five in my grade at the time. From the start, I received personalized attention that helped me to focus and develop skills to be successful.

In 8th grade, Hill Top Science teacher Dr. Schindler sparked a love of science in me. I even presented my project on algae as a biofuel at Princeton University. I plan to study Environmental Science in college. I'm a senior now, and I've developed a strong sense of self-awareness. My experiences taught me to recognize differences in other students, to be sensitive and empathetic.

I never thought I could get good grades, let alone, be in National Honor Society, or on Student Council. At Hill Top, I play sports and join clubs as well as, developed a love for travel with trips from coal country, PA to Iceland. I've since traveled outside of School to places I never dreamed including Italy, London, Brussels, Paris, Amsterdam, and Canada.

I am grateful for my experience at Hill Top. I've made good friends and am excited for a successful future. When I look back, I know that without Hill Top, my school experience would have been far more challenging – academically, socially and emotionally.

Gifts to the Annual Fund are a critical part to my amazing experience. Donations from the Hill Top community, not only, help to fund our education, but also show others how important it is to support the School.

Please consider making a gift today to help more students like me change their lives.

Sincerely,

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