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Dear David,

I have had the privilege of working with several members of the Class of 1963, over the last few years. I am a Senior Development Officer at Culver and during this holiday season, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank a few of the class members for their help, guidance, and hard work.

The Culver Military Academy Class of 1963 is unique. It is the only class that dedicated their graduation class gift to faculty. There are great class gifts around campus. There are some beautiful statues and a wonderful new clock. There are steps and benches, rings and fountains, but there is only one class that honors faculty and staff and that is the Class of 1963.

The creation of the Class of 1963 – Exemplar Fellows Award Endowment was not an easy task. For nearly two years, the direction and scope of the Endowment was debated, in person, on telephones, and in e-mails. I must thank Brad Schooley for patience and a steady hand. He kept the debate focused.

The debate would not have started without the vision of Joe Williamson. Joe has made it a point to stop by and visit with retired faculty, like Coach Chet Marshall, Chan Mitzell, and Bob Hartman. You have no idea how important that is to the lives of Culver's faculty! He and Judy Williamson have been generous and supportive since day one of the project.

John Bartlett and Stan Bloyer are the "Jefferson and Franklin" of the Exemplar document. I have watched as John has written, and re-written, and re-re-written. Thank you very much!

I have known Dick Swennumson for many years. Dick is the emotional conscience and a tireless promoter of the Class of 1963 and of this endowment. Dick continues to work non-stop, reconnecting classmates and promoting the Exemplar Fund.

Bill Roth and his wife Sue are the poster children for extra effort. They have entertained the class, helped to craft the communications, and to be sure we were on time and had the right tone.

Finally, Mike Atkinson, Gene Palmer, and Craig Jennings, thank you for your support during this process! It has been great to get to know you.

Enclosed is the final brochure and promotion of the year for the Class of 1963 Exemplar Fellows Award Endowment. Please take a look. If you have made a gift, I thank you! If you can see your way to participate prior to January 31, 2010....your gift will be doubled. Each and every gift to this project is important!

Please have a joyous holiday season! I wish you each a happy and prosperous new year. I am looking forward to meeting many more of your 2013 Reunion approaches.

Kindest regards,

*Steve*

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