



Alliance High School Foundation

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Dear AHS grads and friends,

It seems like only yesterday I was walking the halls of AHS. I received a great education, which immediately prepared me academically for college and grad school, but most importantly provided me with perspective. Now that I've been in a professional environment for nearly two decades, I realize having a foundational balance of diversity (social, economic, ethnic, etc.) and social awareness, which I obtained while living in Alliance and attending AHS, have been paramount. Having the ability to relate to people, whether it be a client, peer, or team member, is a critical success factor. I often look back at the experience I had at AHS as a key reason why I can more easily interact with the diverse population of people that I work with daily.

After graduating from AHS in 1996, I attended the University of Mount Union where I earned my BA degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Finance, Quantitative Analysis and Marketing. Immediately following graduation, I enrolled in a Master's degree program at the University of Notre Dame. Concurrent with beginning my Master's degree studies, I began my professional career in accounting and am currently a partner in the Akron office of Ernst & Young. I live in the city of Bath, Ohio along with my wife, Leigh Ann, and three wonderful children: four-year-old twin boys, Cameron and Aiden, and a 1½ year old son, Benjamin.

Upon graduating from AHS, I received an Ann McConahay renewable scholarship plus several other scholarships from local and regional organizations. Without these scholarships, I expect I would have had a much tougher decision to make in terms of a) where I would go to school and b) whether I could afford to be a full-time student. I also believe that student loan debt is a bit of a crisis in America. I can't imagine how the start of my professional career might have been different if I had been overloaded with significant student loan debt like many students are today. I believe the donors who made my scholarships possible have contributed to shaping my life.

I want to congratulate the AHS Foundation for its outstanding efforts in managing and growing the endowment fund to nearly \$3 million. The Foundation has gone from awarding one scholarship of \$500 in 1987 to 40 scholarships totaling more than \$100,000 this past spring. I want to thank all our past donors that have supported the Foundation. Giving back is a direct link to shaping the future. It is the most readily available way for most of us to contribute to positive changes that may not be realized for a decade or two.

Will you join me and your fellow AHS alumni by making a statement about your commitment to our students with a gift to the AHS Foundation today? Your contribution will be accepted and returned to current and future students in the form of scholarships. Your gift today makes a significant impact on the leaders of tomorrow.

Aaron J. Swartz '96

Patrick D. Heddleston '82

AHS Foundation President



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