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Dear fellow AHS alum:

A little more than 11 years ago, I graduated from Alliance High School. Looking back, it's hard to believe how much has changed - not only at AHS, but also in the Alliance City School District. One thing that has not changed, however, is how dedicated the faculty and staff are to our students' educational experiences.

Upon graduation in 2008, I continued my studies at Mount Union College. Throughout my four years, I continually drew on the relationships and resources that ACS provided me. I asked former teachers for advice, to edit or critique papers I had written, and more. I left AHS more than prepared for college, and it was the connection with teachers and coaches from my years in ACS that inspired me to pursue a degree in education. Today, I am using my training to teach seventh grade science... in the exact same classroom where I had science as a young student! Additionally, I coach football and swimming for AHS and track for the middle school.

I would not be where I am today if it wasn't for the help I received along the way. I was a recipient of several college scholarships, including an AHS Foundation Renewable Scholarship. The extra support I received afforded me opportunities at Mount Union and beyond, and for that, I am



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grateful. I am also proud of the scholarship my family has helped establish - the Pietrocola Family Scholarship, which is presented each year to a deserving AHS student who has excelled in academics and community service.

My wife, Clare, our son, Nicholas, and I are honored to still call Alliance, Ohio home. As I reflect on my journey, I will never forget those who helped me get to where I am today, including the AHS Foundation. It is with passion and pride that I strive to inspire my students and athletes like so many teachers and coaches did for me.

Support for current and future AHS students is my family's way of giving back to a place that has given us all so much. Each year, alumni and friends are invited to make gifts to the AHS Foundation to help provide enhanced scholarship opportunities for today's students. In 2017, the AHS community gave nearly \$15,000 in support, followed by almost \$18,000 in 2018. Last year, this generosity helped the Foundation award \$14,900 in new and renewable scholarships to more than 72 deserving students!

With the future of today's students in mind, will you join me in supporting our Aviators with a gift to the AHS Foundation today? With the amazing experience I had as a student and my new perspective as a teacher and coach, I can say wholeheartedly that your gift *makes a difference*.

Gratefully,

Corey Unckrich '08

Patrick D. Heddleston '82

AHS Foundation President

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