December 20, 2014

Dear Friends of the Reach High Scholars Program:

Season’s greetings!

2014 was a great year for RHSP, and we would like to share with you some of the program’s recent achievements.

In 2014:

• 46 students in Raymond Roundtables, an enrichment program in Raymond for 7th, 8th and 9th grade students conducted by Phillips Exeter Academy
• 18 Juniors in our ten-week Winter SAT Boot Camp conducted by Academic Approach
• 31 Sophomores and Juniors in our three-week Fall PSAT Boot Camp
• 13 Seniors in our four-week Fall SAT Boot Camp
• 15 high school students in two-to-five week boarding summer enrichment programs at Brown, Dartmouth, PEA and St. Paul’s School
• Five more students to highly competitive colleges
• Mrs. Genny Moriarty, a teacher at PEA, joined as our part-time Program Director
• Jay Davis, Director of the Summer Enrichment at Dartmouth program joined as a member of our Advisory Board

Over the past six years:

• During 2011-2014, 6.3% of RHS graduates went to highly competitive colleges; based on available information, only two NH high schools have done better
• $154,000 of contributions from charitable institutions and individuals to RHSP and its summer enrichment partners
• $363,000 of financial aid from summer enrichment partners
• 24 students to highly competitive colleges; most of whom have financial aid with small amounts of debt and need-based grants of up to $52,000 per annum that, over four years will have a total value of about $2.7 million
• Hence, cash contributions to us have led to a 17.5X multiplier effect

RHSP’s philosophy is that money should not be a roadblock to a great education. The best colleges have significant amounts of financial aid. The key is to be accepted at those colleges, which is highly competitive; but it can be done by Raymond students. We direct our resources toward helping them to get through the starting gates.

We encourage you to check out the new video about RHSP.

Some of the recipients of this letter have asked how to make donations to RHSP. To-date the operating expenses of RHSP have been covered by contributions from its Board of Directors. Gifts from other donors have been earmarked for specific initiatives provided to students. As the scope of these initiatives grows, they require more funding.

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In the spirit of the holiday season, we welcome help in this pioneering education effort through gifts to our non-profit organization. They truly are gifts that keep on giving. Checks can be sent to: Mrs. Arlene French, Treasurer, Reach High Scholars Program, 23 Washington Drive, Raymond, NH 03077.

Hopefully, this will give some sense of the overall effort in which so many of you have participated and generously supported. We look forward to keeping you posted and maintaining your enthusiasm for helping Raymond students reach higher in their pursuit of education.

With best wishes for the holiday season,

John F. McDaniels
Chairman Reach High Scholars Program