



Monument Academy

East Campus

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Dear Monument Academy High School Families,

I trust you are enjoying your summer, and I hope it proves to be a time of rest, renewal, and memorable experiences with your family and friends.

Our leadership team is grateful for these summer months where we can pause the exhilarating work of educating students on campus and shift our focus to preparing for the upcoming school year. As we develop our plans for the fall, I will write periodically and share our vision and aims for the superb educational experience we are endeavoring to create for the Monument Academy community.

To begin with, last week I met with our Student Council sponsor and listened to her exciting ideas on what she desires to accomplish together with our students. We discussed Homecoming celebrations, movie nights, off-campus retreats, spirit weeks, and dances - including our first ever Prom!

We will start to put these ideas into action by providing students the opportunity to celebrate our country on July 4th with our very own school float, which will be a part of the parade in downtown Monument. If you would like to join us in decorating that float, please sign up at this [link](#). If you can attend the parade, feel free to come by our booth afterward as I would enjoy the opportunity to meet.

Next, I would like to write specifically to our exceptional students. I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet a select few of you at our end-of-year events, and I was impressed by your dedication, energy, and potential. Every student should know that in the fall I will ensure you have the continued opportunity to put your stamp not only on what Monument Academy High School *does* but also on what we will *become*.

As we inaugurate our first class of juniors and continue toward creating a full four-grade high school, there will be many firsts, novel experiences, and undiscovered territory for all the grades to explore. New stories, traditions, and records are waiting for you to write into the annals of Monument Academy High School and into the narrative of your life.

I also want to emphasize the excellent education you can expect to receive in the years ahead. We have charged our teachers with delivering challenging, enriching, and classical instruction, and we will continue to seek out the best educators to lead our classrooms.

All this effort is focused on ensuring that you may go confidently in the direction of your dreams, flourish as a person of character, and be accelerated with purpose into the world beyond Monument Academy.

It is also important to note that the top-tier education and performance we will accomplish together will not come easily nor without supreme effort. Monument Academy has an impressive tradition of excellence. We aim to build on that tradition. In fact, by the time last year's freshmen walk at their graduation, we intend to rank among the best high schools in Colorado.

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I will close by saying I have served in education in El Paso County for twenty years, and during that time I have looked with admiration on the long-running legacy enjoyed by Monument Academy.

It has been my experience that such a legacy does not occur without a strong, connected, and dedicated community of families. It is an honor to be welcomed into such a community and selected as your principal.

As you likely know, the very first community of learning in the Western world was conceived by Plato and constructed in Athens almost 2,500 years ago. The name of that institute was *The Academy*. I find it fitting that the classical education our Monument Academy High School students can expect to receive is connected to and honors the timeless wisdom and traditions from the *original Academy*.

Therefore, we now have a golden opportunity to finish building an academy of excellence and a monument to human flourishing that may serve as a beacon to this community and our country.

If that mission and vision excites you, then know the best is yet to come.

Thank you for trusting us with the education of your children, and I look forward with confidence and enthusiasm to the thrilling future we will have together.

All my best,

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