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Dear Members of the Class of 1964,

I am the recipient of the Class of 1964 Scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year. I am writing to thank you for your generous support of my education at Northfield Mount Hermon.

I am a sophomore at NMH and will graduate in 2021, this is my first year at NMH. I am from Burlington, Vermont, and have lived there my whole life with my mom, dad, two dogs and two older brothers. I am currently a boarder in South Wallace, and will probably stay in this dorm for the rest of my time at NMH. I decided to come to NMH because my older brother goes here and expressed his love for the school to me and he encouraged me to apply. I have loved my NMH experience so far and cannot wait to see what the future holds.

I play varsity soccer and varsity basketball. I have played soccer since I can remember and truly love the game and all the people I have met through playing. Our team had an awesome soccer season this fall. We made it to the New England Championship tournament for the first time in NMH Girls Varsity Soccer history! Although we lost in our first game of the tournament, it was still a great accomplishment. Basketball is a newer sport for me, as I just recently started playing in 8th grade. I really love the team and coaching staff here, I think it is making me realize what hard work really means. We have had a fabulous season and are currently 21-1! In the classroom I am having a great time, in the fall I took World Literature, Physics, and Honors French 2. I loved all of my classes and I really enjoy French and hope to continue studying it throughout my life and maybe travel to France someday. Currently I am taking Humanities 2 and Geometry. Humanities is actually two classes: World Religion and World History. I really appreciate all of the teachers I have this semester, and the classes I am taking are filled with some awesome people and great energy. I also recently joined the Grassroots Soccer Club where we play soccer with faculty children every Sunday for an hour. The club is really fun. The little kids are very respectful toward all the volunteers and they all have a passion for the game.

I wanted to come to NMH because I knew that it would provide me with great opportunities, and a bright future. In the future I hope to attend college to play Division 1 soccer, and study physical therapy. I want to attend a college on the East Coast in hopes to stay close enough so my parents can watch more of my soccer games and I can return home when needed.

This scholarship truly means a lot to me because it takes a heavy weight off of my parents' shoulders, and pushes me to work even harder. Thank you again, Class of 1964!

Sincerely,

Ella Gazo '21