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Dear Members of the Class of 1964,

I am the recipient of the Class of 1964 Scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year. I am writing to thank you for your generous support of my education at Northfield Mount Hermon.

Hi, I am Ella Gazo and I am thankful for the scholarship given to me on your behalf. It is my second year at Northfield Mount Hermon, and I am going to graduate in May of 2021! I am a boarding student here and my true home is Burlington, Vermont. My two brothers, my mom, my dad, and my dog are all able to travel down here quite often to visit which is amazing. My brother, Louis, graduated from Northfield Mount Hermon last year and now attends UVM. My oldest brother, is doing his graduation year at UVM as well. They both play soccer at UVM!

Here at NMH I am on the varsity soccer team and varsity basketball team. Soccer has been a very big part of my life since I was in preschool, I do not know what I would do without it. I am so grateful for the soccer program here! This past season we were quite successful and had yet another record-breaking season, although we did not make it to playoffs. Varsity basketball is currently in full swing. We are not having the most successful season, but we are learning quite a lot and growing as a team. I really enjoy playing these sports and I am hoping to pursue soccer in college, and maybe basketball! In the fall I took AP United States History, Honors French III, and Chemistry. I really enjoyed French, and the other two classes were very challenging and I learned a lot from all three of them. Currently I am taking Theology of the Oppressed, Theater Production, Pre-Calculus, and American Literature. I really enjoy Theology of the Oppressed, Theater Production, and Pre-Calculus, and I am growing an appreciation for American Literature. This year I also started hosting my own radio show, every Sunday night. I really enjoy the radio show and it is a very creative way to put energy into Northfield Mount Hermon!

I chose to come to NMH because my brother was here. I look up to him greatly and I assumed that whatever he does is a good thing. So, I took a leap of faith and came to NMH. I do not regret coming here at all. NMH is my second home, I feel like I was meant to come here no matter what, and I wish that I could have come in 9th grade. This school has provided me with amazing opportunities and many ways to learn and grow as a student and athlete.

Currently I am looking to play soccer, and maybe basketball in college at the Division 3 level. I am also considering just playing soccer which could be at either the Division 1 or Division 3 level. I am looking at schools such as Middlebury, Williams, Tufts, Colby, Bates, Holy Cross, UVM, Boston University, along with many others across the east coast. I am hoping to make my decision before the end of my Junior year, but that can change!

I truly appreciate the scholarship that you have provided me with and I hope to do great things in the NMH community and the rest of my life so that I can give back one day too! Thanks again Class of 1964!

Sincerely,  
Ella Gazo  
Class of 2021