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Dear Mrs. Golden and Mrs. King

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all of my wonderful teachers I had at Coral Reef Montessori Academy. CRMA provided me with the tools to learn and prepared me well for my high school challenges. The Montessori style of teaching gave me my foundation and motivated me to excel in school. I learned at an early age to work independently; being self-driven and motivated. I am graduating from Miami Southridge Senior High school class of 2017 top 1 %. I was able to balance being class president, an honor student, as well as being on the varsity baseball team throughout high school. I was honored the Miami-Dade Scholar Athlete Award, the Youth Fair Scholarship, the Ramjus Science Scholarship alongside several academic and leadership awards given by the school and by district board members. Furthermore, all of these accolades were the results of all the hard work and dedication devoted to achieve success. Nevertheless, CRMA shaped me at an early age, granting me all of the qualities I display today.

I was fortunate to have participated in the Peace Committee at CRMA from 4-8th grade and attend the World Peace Conference in New York. It was truly an eye-opener, and it inspired me to continue on with my community involvement, participating in the Peace Ambassador Program in high school. Additionally, it lead me to initiate my silver knight project on community involvement: mentoring the young students of CRMA and passing along the importance of "Peace and Community". It is with great thanks to all of my nurturing, compassionate and caring teachers at CRMA, as well as, Southridge who have guided me to where I am.

I am now moving on to college at Florida State University and feel well prepared to continue my journey in life. But, you will always have a special place in my heart and I will always remember my 1st -8th grade years at CRMA. I now have a better understanding and appreciation on how influential you were on me and hope that I too can have the same impact on others to carry the CRMA torch.

Sincerely,

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