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Office of the President

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Dear Members of the Ursuline Academy Community,

I write to share the news that I have decided to retire as President of Ursuline Academy at the end of this 2016–2017 academic year. After nine years of serving as President, I look forward to the next chapter in my life. There is never a perfect time to leave a place you love, but thanks to the vision and work of many, the Academy is in a very good place.

Ursuline is, without a doubt, remarkably special. As an alumna, I know what the school did for me and my family. I stand in awe watching Ursuline do this for students of all ages and their families, year after year. Ursuline graduates leave here with precious values and traits: authenticity; confidence; concern for their community, country and the world; and vast competence and ability. Our dedication to developing each individual student's character while challenging them academically is what makes this school so great.

In eight months, when I leave my office for the last time as President of Ursuline, it will be bittersweet. Ursuline is a huge part of who I am today. My husband, Lee, has been exceedingly supportive of my career and has become one of Ursuline's biggest cheerleaders. Lee has been retired for a number of years and I know it is my time to join him. Our desire to travel, relax, and spend more time with each other, our daughters, and grandchildren while we are still healthy is what motivates me to retire at this time.

This is one of the most exciting times in Ursuline's history. I take pride in our collective work to advance our mission, which is so widely supported by our community. It has taken team work and the individual effort and sacrifice of many to bring the Academy to its current position of strength. What a privilege to be part of it all!

A new President will inherit a fabulous faculty and staff and many exciting programs. Together, we've achieved so much in recent years. I know it is the Board of Trustees' highest priority to keep moving Ursuline to new heights. You will hear more from Board of Trustees Chair, Tom Tattersall, about the well-planned search strategy for a new President which is already under way.

In the meantime, you have my pledge that I will continue to work for the next eight months with all of my energy and commitment for the benefit of Ursuline students, present and future. I have been honored and privileged to lead my Alma Mater for the past eight years. I am proud and always will be proud to be an Ursuline girl. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to be such a big part of this wonderful community.

No goodbyes for eight months. There is much work to be done.

Sincerely,

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President, Ursuline Academy

