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DEAR FRIENDS OF PATTEN UNIVERSITY PROJECT / MT.
TAMALPAIS COLLEGE

PEACE AND BLESSINGS BE UPON ALL OF YOU! ON BEHALF OF THE INCARCERATED AT SAN QUENTIN PRISON, THANK YOU FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE, THOUGHTFUL, YET TIMELY GIFT/CARE PACKAGE DURING THESE MOST TRYING TIMES. A TIME LIKE, I'M SURE, NONE OF US HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED. A TIME WHEN WE ARE IN A STATE OF PURE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE YET UNITED IN OUR COLLECTIVE WILL TO OVERCOME AND PERSEVERE. AT A TIME WHEN THIS PANDEMIC IS CHALLENGING FOR EVERYONE WORLDWIDE ON MULTIPLE LEVELS (I.E. EMOTIONALLY, PSYCHOLOGICALLY, FINANCIALLY, AND MENTALLY), YOU ALL HAVE FOUND IT IN YOUR HEARTS TO, IN ADDITION TO THINKING ABOUT MT. TAMALPAIS STUDENTS, STOPPED TO GIVE TO THE ENTIRE INCARCERATED POPULATION NOT JUST THE STUDENT BODY. THIS SPEAKS VOLUME TO YOUR GENEROSITY, UNSELFISHNESS AND LEADERSHIP.

A FEW WEEKS AGO SOME TEACHERS REACHED OUT TO THE STUDENT BODY VIA EMAIL - THAT WAS PRINTED AND FORWARDED - WORDS OF CONCERN, ENCOURAGEMENT, SUPPORT, AND LOVE (IN THAT NONE OVER FAMILIAR WAY). I THINK I SPEAK FOR ALL OF US IN THAT WE RECIPROCATE AND ARE SO APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR THOUGHTS, PRAYERS AND CONTINUE SUPPORT. WE TOO, STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH YOU IN THOUGHTS, SPIRIT, AND SEEKING WAYS TO BETTER OUR SITUATION. OUR HOPE IS THAT ALL OF YOU ARE INCORPORATING EVERY MEASURE NECESSARY TO PROTECT YOURSELVES, FAMILIES, NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS, AND ESPECIALLY OUR ELDERS!

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IN CLOSING I'D LIKE TO SAY, READING THE TWO ARTICLES AND ONE ESSAY REMINDED ME OF HOW MUCH I ACTUALLY MISS THE CLASSROOM AND ALL THAT THAT ENTAILS. BIG THANKS TO THE RESPECTED AUTHORS FOR SIMPLIFYING THE INFORMATION FOR A LAYMAN LIKE MYSELF. SOAP! WHO KNEW? 😊 I ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED THE ARTICLE TITLED, "FIVE MONTHS ON, WHAT SCIENTIST KNOW ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS," BY: ROBIN MCKIE, SCIENCE EDITOR. I, LIKE YOU, CANNOT WAIT TO GET BACK TO SOME FORM OF "NORMALCY" EVEN IF IT'S A "NEW NORMAL." LET'S GOOOO! 😊

FINALLY, A VERY, VERY, SPECIAL AND SINCERE SHOT OUT TO ALL THE FIRST RESPONDERS AND FRONTLINE WORKERS. PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE VALUED, ADMIRER, AND INSPIRING. THAT YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIRELESS DEDICATION, RELIABILITY, AND MOST OF ALL YOUR SACRIFICE. YOU ARE TRULY, TRULY, AND PROFOUNDLY APPRECIATED. TO THE THOUSANDS PLUS WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE TO COVID-19 OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU! PEACE BE WITH YOU.

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