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Dear Members of the Class of 1964,

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

My name is Gus and I am from Great Barrington, Massachusetts. After spending most of my schooling career in a class of 20 kids I decided it was time for something bigger. In my old school, I was the upper school class secretary and helped around the community organizing events and helping the school that gave me so much. A large part of my life is music and I have been playing some sort of instrument since 3rd grade. My main instruments at the moment are the mandolin and bass guitar. On the mandolin, I have been playing folk and traditional music with family members and at folk festivals for years and even explored some classical music. I also play the bass, but with that instrument, I have mainly focused on jazz and hope to join the jazz band at NMH this upcoming term. Though I love the performing arts, photography has always been close to my heart ever since I got passed down my first camera from a family friend. I now have a large portfolio of work, a website, and an NMH photography class under my belt. Since 4th grade, I have been playing lacrosse on my school team as well as a league team that made it to the state playoffs 2 years in a row. I now play varsity lacrosse here at NMH with Robert Cross, our amazing coach. Last year I decided to try running cross country for the first time in the fall season and I had a lot of fun, meeting new people and getting in shape for lacrosse.

I chose NMH because of the community. Yes, it has outstanding academics, amazing resources, and a beautiful campus, but what made NMH stand out was the lovely community of students and faculty members. When I first interviewed at NMH I was greeted with kindness and a generally relaxed environment that I instantly fell in love with. Now that I have been able to spend almost a year and a half on campus, I have made amazing friends, met teachers that I know will support me through all my four years, and a dorm community that is very close. Another thing that attracted me to NMH and prep school, in general, was the boarding environment. Before applying I had a great experience at Hotchkiss portals and being on campus for those two weeks made me want to go to boarding school. It offered so many options, a dorm community, support from teachers and one's advisor on campus, and being just minutes away from your classes. As I advance through the grades at NMH I can't wait to join more clubs and take different fascinating classes and hopefully find myself in a leadership position.

This scholarship means a lot to me because, to be honest, it is the only way I was able to come to boarding school. It is also an affirmation for me of the hard work and commitment I put in to get here. I want to thank you again, Class of 1964, for the amazing opportunity you have provided me with. I promise to be a good steward of the scholarship and the support.

Sincerely,

Gus
Class of 2023