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Dear Upper School Freshman Parent:

Congratulations!

We are so excited that your son/daughter will be joining us for the (2019-2020) school year as a member of the Class of 2023.

The freshman year is arguably the most important year in a student's high school career. And, to ensure that this key transition is as smooth as possible, the Upper School always organizes a half-day orientation for incoming freshman students. The theme for this year's orientation is "*I will always look to the future because that is where I will spend the rest of my life.*"

The orientation date is **August 8, 2019, from 9:00 am to 12 pm.** Please note that Freshman orientation is required for ALL incoming 9th graders.

Parents always ask whether they may attend the orientation alongside their students. My personal feeling is that the half-day ought to be devoted to students, to exposing them to the nuts and bolts of a successful year in the Upper School. But any parent who comes will not be turned away.

We are, of course, pleased with your decision to stick with UA and are even happier to report that your son or daughter will be joining a successful school—one that continues to do well on most of the measures used to evaluate schools. To be sure, we are not yet where we want to be, but the evidence for the past several years tells us that we are making good progress.

Again, thanks for entrusting us with your most precious treasure—your son or daughter! Choosing UA means that we are now partners in the business of preparing your student for college. As partners, we will be working together to see to it that we meet our mission of preparing your student to **enter** and **succeed** in college!

We have also enclosed a school calendar for 2019-2020 as well as other important forms for you to look through. Finally, if you should have any questions after reading this letter, please feel free to call me at 816.412.5902, or the Upper School's Manager of Operations, Ms. Jackson at 816.412.5948.

Sincerely,

Clem O. Ukaoma,
Principal