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Principal Heather Grams  
St. Sebastian School  
1747 North 54th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Dear Principal Grams:

On behalf of Pius XI President Dr. Melinda Skrade, we are proud to announce the remarkable accomplishments of your students, Margaret Burzynski, Emma Mrotek and Avion Solis-Mckinney.

Maggie was named the Class of 2017 valedictorian and will be attending Fordham University on full scholarship. Maggie was also named a National Merit Finalist, as well as a 2017 Gold Medal National Scholastic Award Winner for Writing. Emma was named the Class of 2017 salutatorian and received a certificate and \$100 award for her outstanding achievement in the study of French. Emma will be attending Xavier University. Avion Solis-McKinney received a certificate and \$100 award for her outstanding achievement in the study of Spanish. Avion is looking forward to attending Tuskegee University in the fall.

Emma and Maggie addressed their graduating class at the 2017 Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, reflecting on their Pius XI experience and the many connections they have made during the last four years. Emma shared the following words:

*“Every morning we leave our homes and come here to Pius XI Catholic High School on 76<sup>th</sup> Street. And while our backgrounds are all individual and unique, here at Pius XI they blend together to create a rich and tight community.”*

Maggie, Emma and Avion remained tremendously focused and driven throughout their time at Pius XI Catholic High School. All three young women have exhibited a great work ethic, strong leadership skills and demonstration of Catholic values in their daily living.

You may be proud of the role St. Sebastian has played in forming Maggie, Emma and Avion. We recognize and thank you for the solid foundation you provide for all your students and we are honored to share in this celebration with you! Please join together with us in congratulating these students on their outstanding achievements!

Sincerely,

**Jeanna Bunke**

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