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Dear, Mr. Indelicato,

Hello, I hope this letter finds you well, and Deidre also. I'm sorry it's been so long since I've been in touch. I intended to write after graduation, but everything just kept happening right after another. Less than a month after graduation, we lost my closest friend due to a very short battle of cancer. Thomas was so special to her, she was actually there to hold my hand while he was born. Then within a couple weeks after that two of my siblings got married within a week of each other. Then of course, we had to get Thomas all set and packed for college.

So far, so good. He played on the Developmental team this year (his season just ended earlier this week.) But that is where he wanted to be, and I'm glad. He was able to get a taste of college soccer, and he wasn't yet playing against guys 3 times his size. Of course I made it down to all of his home games but one, due to being sick.

Mercyhurst is a beautiful campus, he had to move in early August since he's an athlete, but he's made a lot of friends. Especially a lot of foreign kids, his roommate is from the Netherlands, and well out of 43 soccer players 7 of them are American. It's crazy, especially since 3 of those 7 are from WNY.

He seems to enjoy his classes for the most part, he is studying psychology. I think it's a little harder than he expected although I think most freshmen would say that. I asked him once if he felt going to St. Francis helped him being more prepared than had he graduated from our Public school, thank goodness he said yes. I think I would have cried otherwise, thinking of all that money wasted. But definitely, I can see the difference in him. One of the last things his math teacher had said to me, before the school year was over was that, towards the end of senior year, he doesn't care so much about what they learn math wise, he wants to see them as "good people", he assured me that especially teaching him for two years, Thomas is a good person. I think that meant more than any grade he could get in there. Although I am still happy that he graduated with an Advanced Regents Diploma, and actually made the honor roll every marking period senior year.

Anyway, I just wanted to touch base and let you know that Thomas is doing very well at college. As for me, it's hard sometimes. Now that soccer is over it might get more hard, I miss my baby boy. Who clearly is quite the young man now. It's bittersweet I guess.

Finally, I cannot thank you enough for helping Thomas make it through St. Francis and end up who and where he is today. We will never forget you! So, I have enclosed a picture of Thomas receiving his diploma at the Basicicalla and of Thomas and myself after the ceremony so you won't forget us either. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie L. Salansky". The signature is highly stylized and cursive, with several loops and flourishes. It is positioned above the printed name.

Julie L. Salansky

