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Dear <<atten\_line\_1>>,

Five years ago, I graduated from Mount Saint Mary College. At that time, the job market had a deficit of nearly 9 million jobs and wages for young college graduates had dropped. Underemployment, working fewer hours than desired and/or in jobs not requiring degrees, was a common fear for many graduates. Despite the challenging job market, I launched confidently into a career, thanks to the help of The Mount’s Career Center.

The Career Center was instrumental with providing the guidance and tools I needed to succeed. Staff stressed the importance of networking and helped me find an internship, which ultimately led to a full time job. After graduating, alumni can come back to enhance their resume or

get assistance in their search for employment. Resources like this are vital to an ever-changing job market.

Throughout my journey, The Mount supported me wherever I went - whether it was working on television and movie sets, learning new skills in marketing and even guiding me to a point where I was recognized as the 2017 Orange County Rising Star. I stayed engaged with staff throughout the years, and ultimately decided to return to Mount Saint Mary College as an employee, so that I could be part of that caring culture that helped me as both a student and as an alumna.

College is an investment to the future. The Mount ensures that ***all students*** receive the training and tools needed for a prosperous future filled with leadership and service. No matter how old you are or what has happened in your life and career, The Mount *will always* support you.

This year, I am asking you to support Mount Saint Mary College by paying it forward for other students. The Annual Fund depends on generous donors to support many initiatives that tuition alone cannot provide. We invite you to join fellow classmates in making a **$20.13 gift, commemorative of your graduation**, to the Annual Fund. If you are unable to match this amount, please consider making a donation of $5 in celebration of your 5th Anniversary. Please know that, regardless of the amount you choose to give, your gift will be greatly appreciated by everyone working to help our future Knights.

Sincerely,

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Margaret Treacy ’13
Director of Annual Giving