October 1, 2019

Dear USN Community,

As our daughter Ellie was getting closer to starting kindergarten, friends kept mentioning this place called “University School,” so we decided to give it a look. From the moment we toured the campus, we knew we had found something special. University School of Nashville’s academic excellence, cultivation of leadership, and diversity make it different. The opportunities for our children to explore the world outside the classroom through the Lower School Naturalist Program, international trips, and service-learning opportunities are a bonus.

But if we could distill what we love best into a single word, it would be “community.” Extraordinarily dedicated faculty and staff, an inquisitive student body, and fantastic parents make USN a place where our whole family wants to be. By sending Ellie and Alex to USN, we found our tribe in Nashville.

All of this doesn't come without a need for extra support. Tuition accounts for 90% of USN’s operating budget. Philanthropy, including our collective contributions to the Annual Fund, provides the remainder. An astounding 93% of USN parents and nearly 1,000 PDS/USN alumni made a generous gift to the Annual Fund last year. What an incredible statement of confidence in this beloved school.

By expanding innovative faculty development, student enrichment, need-based financial aid, and outstanding athletics and arts programs, the Annual Fund is essential to creating a lifelong love of learning for our kids. These extra resources help provide an educational experience that stands out among independent schools in Middle Tennessee and across the country.

An exciting year lies ahead for USN as Director Vince Durnan and his team guide our students in “Learning and Leading, Today and Tomorrow.” Please help us maintain (and hopefully exceed) last year’s incredible parent support of the Annual Fund. We can’t think of a better use of our philanthropic dollars than to enhance our children’s educational experience and ensure their bright future.

With Tiger pride,

Tonia and Jeff Klein
Parents of Ellie ’25 and Alex ’28