

To members of the Southridge Alumni Association,

As Chair of the Southridge Alumni Association Board, I am pleased to report that 2019/2020 was a very productive year. This past year was significant for our school, as we celebrated 25 Years of Southridge. This extraordinary milestone gave us a valuable opportunity to stop, look around, and appreciate the unique and special aspects of the Southridge community. Our history, accomplishments, and school culture were undeniably celebrated, and we are so proud of how the alumni community came together to acknowledge how much Southridge has achieved in only 25 years. As I reflect on the activities of this last year, I'm pleased to report that the Alumni Association successfully executed numerous anniversary activities and initiatives and that many alumni and alumni parents came back to campus to celebrate the anniversary of Southridge School.

During this celebratory year, the Alumni Association hosted special signature events such as the "Throwback" Alumni Christmas Feast Reunion in December and a 25 Years of Remarkable Alumni event in March. In addition to these anniversary celebrations, the association also partnered with the school to collaborate on other activities such as Career Day, Alumni Fireside Chats and the Collaborative Art Project. The Alumni Association also launched a new mentorship program called the ASK Program, which has matched all grade 10 and 11 students with alumni for their career connections project. I am very appreciative to see how many alumni and alumni parents have volunteered their time this past year. It demonstrates how committed our alumni community is to the continued support of the school and the strategic initiatives of the Alumni Association Board.

In staying aligned with our mandate to promote mutually beneficial lifetime relationships amongst members of the Association and Southridge School, our focus will continue to be on strengthening our network, providing engaging social events, and establishing initiatives that provide value to our community. Unfortunately, the recent restrictions mandated due to the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in the cancellation of upcoming alumni events such as the Alumni Basketball, Volleyball & BBQ event as well as the 10 Year Grad Reunion this spring. As we begin to plan for next year, we know some of the activities we have hosted annually may need to change and we are prepared to be innovative during these challenging times and to realign our plans to provide support to students, families, alumni, faculty, and administration at Southridge School.

On behalf of the Board, I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and time served of board members, Sonny Samra '99 and Thalia Otamendi '07, who are stepping back at the end of this term. We sincerely thank them for their role on the board and for their contributions to the Alumni Association.

I look forward to collaborating with more alumni on future initiatives and hope to connect with you next year.

Sincerely,

Kristin Hazzard '00

Southridge Alumni Board Chair