

From the Head of School

April 2020

Dear Annalee and Mark,

I hope you and your family are healthy and safe during this challenging time. Our relationships are more essential than ever right now as we prioritize the health and well-being of our extended community. As the impact of COVID-19 continues to evolve, we are guided by our core Pingree values, mission, and pillar skills that will continue to serve us in the weeks ahead as we adapt, think creatively, and support one another with empathy and compassion. As challenging as this situation is for all of us, our Pingree experience has prepared us for this moment, and we are getting through this together.

Community is defined by the connections we have with one another, and these relationships extend across the globe. Pingree students, faculty, advisors, and coaches have adapted to our new circumstances and are immersed in an engaging, flexible, and supportive distance learning program. While we all adjust to this new reality, many in our community are facing challenges that are overwhelming, both personally and professionally. At the same time, we know that the Pingree community has always been strong, and it is at times like this that our strength is most resilient.

We believe that access to an excellent independent school education must be available to deserving students, regardless of socioeconomic backgrounds. As financial positions for individual families remain fluid, we are devoted to retaining all of our current students and meeting the demonstrated financial need of recently accepted students, which will require providing unanticipated, incremental support.

In response to the various ways the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the Pingree community, we have created the OnePingree Support Fund, which is our top fundraising priority. Gifts designated to this fund will provide additional resources to meet unforeseen needs as they arise in the months ahead. A few examples include unanticipated financial aid, assistance with access to food, faculty support for distance learning programs, and incurred expenses related to technology and internet access. As needs change and evolve over the coming months, we expect that this fund will be available on an ongoing basis.

At a time when we need you more than ever to support our people, please consider making a gift to the OnePingree Support Fund today to help our families navigate the adverse financial impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. Distant or near, we are a community and we will rise to meet this challenge using our collective resourcefulness, innovative thinking, and compassionate spirit. We've got this!

Love, strength, and community,

Timothy M. Johnson Head of School

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