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Living our story of God's Goodness!

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Dear fellow alumnae,

School is well underway and our faculty, staff and students began the year with lots of enthusiasm and energy. On August 10, we welcomed 3 new teachers, 2 new staff, 130 new students (from 28 grade schools), 11 new transfer students and 2 exchange students from Germany. It is great to see so many joining our NDA community and continuing the NDA tradition of excellence. Imagine our class of 2020 celebrating their 20th reunion in 2040!

This past week we held our 3rd annual Common Reader Day. Our school community read the book *A Pearl in the Storm*, the story of Tori Murden McClure, the first woman and the first American to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Ms. McClure was on campus to speak to our students and it was certainly a memorable event. Ms. McClure is the President of Spalding University and is truly a woman making a difference! (You can watch Ms. McClure's presentation on our NDA YouTube channel [HERE](#).)

This year our school theme is ***Embracing Dignity in Self, Others and Community***. We celebrate this theme in honor of the second SND educational principle - the human dignity of each person as an image of God. As part of the NDA community, I hope you will find ways in your own lives to celebrate our human dignity and the inherent goodness in each person.

There are many exciting things happening at NDA. You are welcome to visit us anytime. I would love to see you. Also, you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to stay current on daily and weekly events at our alma mater. I hope you will enjoy these snapshots of NDA today! You can find links to these at our website www.ndapandas.org.

I hope to see you at our annual Autumn Gala on September 24. It is a great evening celebrating NDA with alumnae, parents and friends and a wonderful opportunity to catch up with fellow graduates.

May you know God's goodness this day and always,

Laura Koehl, Ed.D. (Class of 1975)
President

