



## US Class Dean Update

Dear Senior Parents,

It's hard to believe, but the Class of 2025 is in its final semester at D-E, and it's an exciting time, with many memorable events leading to graduation coming our way! We kicked off the second semester with a celebration generously hosted by the Senior Parent Reps. As part of this event, students were given breakfast treats, and even more excitingly, hooded sweatshirts with the names of every senior on them. Every day I see seniors wearing them, and they're collectively grateful for the gift.

Last week we had two class meetings looking ahead to the final stretch run of the year. In the first, Ms. Lalli and I talked to the seniors about our expectations for their conduct, hoping they will avoid the temptations of "senioritis" as much as possible. Rather than framing this in a strictly punitive fashion, we talked a good deal about legacy and how the seniors would like to be remembered after they graduate. We emphasized how important it is to finish well after building such a strong reputation in the community.

Along with this, we are having school-wide conversations about academic integrity, and students are working on case studies in their advisories, covering a variety of topics, such as artificial intelligence usage and the sharing of work. I worked on these case studies with a few senior advisories and appreciate the candor, insight, and nuance with which the students approached these conversations.

And finally, we closed last week with a class meeting led by Ms. Murphy and Ms. Iannaconi looking ahead to senior spring events, from senior selectives to prom to graduation to their first moments as D-E alumni.

As you can probably surmise, it's been a full few weeks, and as hard as it may seem in light of our current snowy and chilly weather, all of the excitement of the senior spring will be here in no time. I hope all is well, and as always, please let me know if you need anything.

Warmly,

Brian