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Dear Gemstone Alumni,

It is hard to believe that the ninth class of Gemstone students graduated this spring. Not so long ago you were here, starting your experience as a freshman. For many of you, the Gemstone experience began with Gems Camp and expanded into leadership opportunities, social events, volunteering as part of the Gemstone Student Council, becoming a Section Leader, making wonderful friends, or becoming a Camp Leader yourself.

At the heart of your Gemstone experience was your work with your team. You attended Team Gemstone, refined your ideas, created original research, and presented a thesis based on years of hard work and dedication. You should be very proud of what you accomplished. We are certainly proud of you!

As you can probably guess, providing these opportunities for Gemstone students is expensive. The University of Maryland invests about \$1200 per student each year to make the Gemstone Program possible. I would like to ask you to consider becoming a charter member of the Gemstone Alumni Society as a way of giving what you can to the program in order to make these unique experiences available to future generations of students.

The Gemstone Alumni Society was created this spring, with input from current students, in order better connect alumni to the Gemstone Program and to create a legacy of excellence within the program. For a minimal contribution, you can become a charter member of the Gemstone Alumni Society, an opportunity full of benefits for you and an easy way to make a difference to the Gemstone Program.

Enclosed is a brochure that introduces the Gemstone Alumni Society and all it has to offer. It also describes how to become a member. Please feel free to contact Caitlin White, Gemstone Student Activities Coordinator, with any questions or learn more about the Society, at cwhite14@umd.edu or 301-314-7450.

Sincerely,

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