



F.L. Chamberlain School
Preparation for Life

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*Celebrating
30 Years*

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Dear Friends,

As F. L. Chamberlain School embarks on its thirtieth year we are pleased to announce our largest graduating class ever. The ongoing improvement efforts of the school's administration are reaching critical mass, and Chamberlain has really arrived as one of the country's signature combined therapeutic and learning disabled schools.

As I reflect on our efforts over the years I cannot help but be struck by the passion and commitment of our staff to the school's mission. The energy of our staff continues to grow and there is a palpable sense on campus that we have really hit our stride. It is apparent whenever you enter the classrooms or the dorms. We are really changing lives here. This last week as I watched our talent show I was amazed at how much our students have changed; self-confidence has replaced uneasiness, humility has replaced bravado, and reciprocity has replaced selfishness. I was truly stunned. The talent show and silent auction were the joint effort of our parent committee and faculty. Kim Besse, our family services coordinator has truly maximized our parent participation in all aspects of school life. We are very grateful for such a wonderful, devoted and active parent advisory committee.

Additionally, the school is pleased to announce the launch of a new dormitory. We purchased a Cape Cod style house adjacent to the school that will serve six girls. Also work was completed on the school's new cafeteria this year. Moreover, we added a new larger art studio and fully outfitted shop very near to the school. Our little New England village in North Middleboro, Massachusetts is really taking shape as a campus and we look forward to another thirty years of programmatic and physical plant improvements.

Ten of our students are on an educational excursion to Europe currently, and plans are being finalized for two student trips to the Bermuda Biological Research Station this summer. Chamberlain is also pleased to announce that we will have six interns from Europe with the International Learning Exchange assisting in our classrooms again this year.

Recently Elizabeth Walters, our clinical coordinator was promoted to Clinical Director and she is ably leading our increasingly seasoned clinical department. She was the overwhelming choice and is well regarded by her colleagues. Liz is a LICSW and certified in DBT and has finalized plans to expand this service delivery this year.

With June 15th, our graduation day, approaching fast and with our students who have been *preparing for life* departing to Sarah Lawrence, Curry, Frostburg, Johnson and Wales, UMASS and others, Lawrence Mutty, our Admissions Director, has asked us to remind you that June spots are filling up fast. Parents, educational consultants, and school districts should be reminded to make contact Mr. Mutty as availability is limited and spots are filling up quickly. Chamberlain appreciates your continued referrals and looks forward to working with you in the future with those students and families who you believe are appropriate for our school.

Sincerely,

William Doherty
Executive Director