

## Dear Members of the Choate Rosemary Hall Community,

In the fall 2013 *Bulletin*, we shared with you Choate Rosemary Hall's recently completed Strategic Plan, and we want to thank you for your enthusiastic response. We have begun implementation of the Plan with the first section, which has as a main theme the care of our community, with particular focus on student health and safety.

Let us begin by assuring you that our initiatives in this area are not a result of any recent events at Choate but rather our examination during the strategic planning process of the recent stream of news regarding the difficulties other institutions have faced, ranging from breaches of campus safety to boundary crossings by figures in positions of authority. Given this context, the Board of Trustees has devoted significant time over the last year to this topic and remains in unanimous agreement that the wellbeing and security of our community is – as it always has been – the School's utmost priority. Our Board is committed to being proactive in our thinking and preparation by continuing to review (and revise, as necessary) our policies, procedures, and communications.

Earlier this year, this review led us to establish a committee charged with the creation of a single document that defines – clearly and unequivocally – the expectations we hold of everyone at Choate. We are pleased to include our new Statement of Expectations on the next two pages. Together with our Mission Statement and Statement on Character, this document reaffirms our collective responsibility to promote a culture defined by integrity, honor, ethical behavior, and good decision-making, as the Strategic Plan delineates.

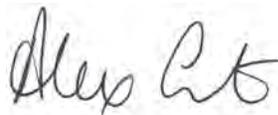
Our review also made clear how important it is to have open lines of communication and provide readily available support to ensure a cohesive and respectful school culture. Thus, we take this opportunity to remind you that we are committed to addressing any report of harm to our students, faculty, and staff in a thorough and comprehensive manner. This care and attention extends to all members of our community, whether on campus now or in the past. Anyone with a concern in this regard should not hesitate to contact Associate Headmaster Kathleen Lyons Wallace (klw@choate.edu) whose responsibility it is to address such matters. Please know that any such communication will be handled confidentially.

As we begin to implement our strategic vision for the future, we are building upon a solid foundation of demonstrated care for our community. As we write, we have educators, students, and countless members of our broader community carrying out thoughtful, creative, and enthusiastic work in support of all facets of the Strategic Plan. Throughout the section that follows on the State of the School, you will learn more about how we – the collective Choate family – are moving our school forward today, for tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Carr '76  
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Alex D. Curtis  
Headmaster