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Ms. Marilyn Gordanier  
Laurel Springs School  
302 W. El Paseo Rd.  
Ojai, CA 93023

Dear Ms. Gordanier,

One of the greatest pleasures of my job is to observe the impact that our talented freshmen make once they arrive at Stanford. Each time I discover their latest on-campus achievements or hear from faculty about their limitless intellectual curiosity, I am inspired by the passion, energy, and excellence they bring to our community of scholars. I am also reminded how fortunate these students are to have had the support, guidance, and friendship of teachers and mentors who helped prepare them for college.

To acknowledge these distinguished yet often overlooked contributions, Stanford University is pleased to sponsor the *Teacher Tribute Initiative*. This summer, all members of Stanford's incoming class were given the opportunity to acknowledge a former teacher or mentor who played a significant role in their intellectual, academic, social, and personal development. I am delighted to inform you that a member of your community, Ms. Dasha Bindler, has been selected by Nabil Wessel to receive this special honor.

This packet includes a letter and certificate recognizing Ms. Bindler. I hope you will consider taking a brief moment at your next faculty meeting to present this honor on behalf of your former student and Stanford University.

With best wishes for a successful school year,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard H. Shaw".

Richard H. Shaw  
Dean of Undergraduate Admission and Financial Aid

“Ms. Bindler has worked with me every week for the past four years of my high school career. She prepared me for the PSAT and SAT, assisted me every step of the way in the college application process, and served as a bulwark of support through the stormy phases of my life, especially in the transition away from my parents to live here in the US. If it were not for her, I may not have received the amazing opportunity I see now before me at Stanford. I owe her my abiding gratitude and friendship.”

Nabil Wessel  
Laurel Springs School  
Stanford Class of 2016



Stanford University wishes to recognize

**Dasha Bindler**

for exceptional teaching

Your dedication as an educator and a mentor has contributed to the future of your students, Stanford University, and your community.

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Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Richard H. Shaw' and the signature on the right is 'John L. Hennessy'.

Richard H. Shaw  
Dean of Undergraduate Admission  
and Financial Aid

John L. Hennessy  
President