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Dear parents and family members,

We are a Dutch family living in the US and previously in the UK, Qatar and Holland. For our two children to be in an international environment was an extremely important factor when it came to college decision time. We had never been to St Andrews and were unable to visit due to Covid. However, once we had engaged with alumni, parents and students who happened to live in NY or Connecticut, we and our children felt really confident about St Andrews, before even visiting.

Our son Julius is now in his Junior Honours year of a joint honours degree in Management and Sustainable Development. During the summer holidays he has visited his St Andrews friends all over the US and Europe and they have also stayed with us. Our daughter Feline is now a first year student and studying Social Anthropology. When we dropped her off last September not once did we have to worry about her. We believe that is an incredible luxury for a parent. Just the other day she sent us a text saying how happy she is with her college decision.

Even if St Andrews had not been ranked the number one university in the UK for three years running – either by *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide* or *The Guardian University Guide* (and by both this year) – we would still recommend it. The location and the architecture of the town obviously gives the place a special character combined with the grounded attitude of the Scots. We feel that they are in an environment where they are safe, can build self-confidence, are challenged, and can develop their talents. Also, the people who have the biggest influence in our children's lives (apart from us parents and families) are the friends they surround themselves with during their college years. We could not be happier or more impressed with all the different international and open-minded students that we have met. We feel they have a positive and inspirational influence on our children.

Principal Dame Sally Mapstone and her team deserve our support; it is incredible how they build a St Andrews community far beyond the Scottish shores. We cherish this and are very proud to be part of the St Andrews family. We consider it an honour to support the University and highly recommend that you do the same.

With warm wishes,

Jean-Paul & Minou

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The critical role of family philanthropy

This year the University of St Andrews achieved a historic double first by being ranked Number 1 in the UK by both *The Guardian University Guide* and *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide*. This is an endorsement of the excellence we deliver in teaching, student experience and opportunities post-graduation.

Family philanthropy plays a critical role in helping us to achieve this excellence. We simply would not achieve these rankings without the exceptional support from the global St Andrews community.

This community has enabled us to build the award-winning Laidlaw Music Centre, to restore the iconic Younger Hall to its original splendour and – most recently – to increase the level of support available for students facing financial hardship. This has been

particularly important during the past year because of the cost of living crisis, the impact of which continues.

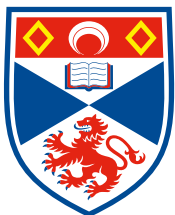
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We would like to invite you to consider making a gift to this fund, so we can continue providing the very best experience for all St Andrews students. You can make a gift using the donation form opposite or donate securely online at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/development/family-appeal

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