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Dear Rising 9th Year Student,

I am writing to tell you about an exciting opportunity that is available to you as you begin your 9th year at The Montessori School of Raleigh. In 2008, we began **The Tony Conti Scholarship for Montessori Education**. Each year, this scholarship is awarded to a current 9th year student who demonstrates a passion for serving others both in his or her immediate community and the larger community beyond our school. This year marks the sixth year for **The Tony Conti Scholarship for Montessori Education**. The scholarship will be applied towards one student's 9th year tuition and fees at The Montessori School of Raleigh.

My father, Tony Conti, believed in the benefits of a Montessori education. He believed that the foundation my older brother and I received in Children's House was an integral part of our own education. It was his belief that the framework of a Montessori classroom helped to shape us as independent, lifelong learners. Our younger brother recently graduated from the MSR 9th grade. We are a Montessori family and as such, when my father's Godson approached me about starting a scholarship in honor of my father to help students attend The Montessori School of Raleigh for their capstone year, I knew it was the perfect legacy to honor him.

Those who wish to apply should complete a one-page essay stating how he or she has had a positive impact on our community, what types of service projects he or she has been involved in, how he or she envisions service projects playing a role in their 9th year at The Montessori School of Raleigh, and what his or her hopes are for the future. Later this spring, a committee of Montessori leaders will review the essays and award this \$1,000 scholarship to the student who best demonstrates a servant heart.

With thanks,

Michelle Anne Keown

Daughter of Tony Conti, Former MSR Faculty, and Current MSR Parent

Please submit all essays by **May 13, 2015** in a sealed envelope marked *"The Tony Conti Scholarship"* to Stephanie Henderson at the front desk in the Watson Center.