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**Dear Seniors,**

Welcome back! I would like to congratulate you on making it to your senior year. I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new college counselor. My name is Silvia Mastropietro and I am a graduate of Grover Cleveland High School. I have had the pleasure of working in the school as a guidance counselor for the past 2 years.

The world is changing rapidly. More and more jobs require education beyond high school. College graduates have more jobs to choose from than those who don't pursue education beyond high school. Did you know that a college graduate on average earns more money than a person who does not graduate from college? Over a lifetime, a college graduate can earn over **\$1,000,000** more than a high school graduate!

With that being said, make the most of your senior year by getting the best grades you can and starting your college search early! Communication is everything and I look forward to working with each of you this year. Enjoy your senior year!

**To the Parents:**

High school students face many challenges and opportunities especially during their senior year. Helping your child prepare for the life beyond high school can be stressful and challenging. As your child's college counselor, I look forward to working closely with you and your child in making the best decision for their future.

Upcoming school events you should be aware of include:

- Senior Orientation Thursday, September 17 at 6:45pm
- College Night Tuesday, October 6 at 6pm.

Please mark these dates on your calendar. Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the strongest indicators of student achievement. We hope you will make it a priority this year to attend as many school-sponsored events as possible.

If you would like to schedule a conference, or volunteer to help out, you can contact me at ext. 305 or email me at [smastropietro@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:smastropietro@schools.nyc.gov). Please contact me with questions or concerns. I look forward to your support and for a successful school year for your child.

Sincerely,

Silvia Mastropietro  
College Counselor