Dear Friend of the Maryland Parents Association,

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, student loan debt in the United States jumped to $1.16 trillion dollars in 2014, up $77 billion from 2013.¹

That’s $1.16 TRILLION.

At the University of Maryland, the average 2014 graduate amassed more than $25,000 in student loan debt. These numbers are staggering – and for some UMD students the cost of a college education is completely out of reach. The financial hardships they are experiencing will not allow them to finish their education and earn their degree.

As Maryland parents, we would like every student to be able to take full advantage of the world-class education this University has to offer. You can help us by supporting our 13th Annual Silent Auction to be held during Family Weekend, October 2-4, 2015. All monies raised during this event are directed to the Maryland Parents Association Scholarship Fund, providing need-based scholarships to students who may be unable to continue their education at the university due to extenuating financial circumstances. Last year, we raised nearly $50,000 and our goal is to surpass that amount this year.

By donating an item to this event, not only will you enable deserving students to have the necessary financial resources to stay in school, but your organization will also receive recognition for your support. In the past two years, over 13,000 students, parents, and families have attended Family Weekend and had the opportunity to participate in this signature event. Additionally this year, Maryland will host a football game versus Big Ten rival University of Michigan, which is sure to bring tens of thousands of fans to campus - and to the auction!

As a donor, we recognize that your participation is key to the success of our event. Your contribution will be acknowledged both at the event, and through our website www.sagiving.umd.edu/silentauction. A number of items will also be available for online bidding from November 5-19, 2015 through Bidding For Good, an online auction platform for non-profit auctions with more than 450,000 followers throughout the country.

Enclosed you will find a donation form, along with more information about this exciting event. On behalf of the Parents Association of the University of Maryland, we thank you for your fearless support of our students as they strive to become active participants in our global society.

Sincerely,

Barbara Berenhaus
Grace Turcotte, ’81
Susan Wachs Goldberg, ’80

Maryland Parents Association
Silent Auction, Co-Chairs

Q: When is Family Weekend?
A: The 35th Annual Family Weekend will be held from October 2-4, 2015.

Q: What is Family Weekend?
A: Attended by more than 6,000 people, Family Weekend is the largest University-sponsored program for the parents and families of undergraduate students. The weekend is filled with social and academic programs, sporting events, lectures, concerts, theater performances, and much more. The Silent Auction is an integral part of the weekend. It is conveniently held in the Grand Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union in conjunction with Family Weekend registration on Friday, October 2nd. Participants will have the opportunity to visit and participate in bidding through Saturday, October 3rd.

Q: How can I get involved in Family Weekend and the Silent Auction?
A: There are two major ways to get involved: Corporate Sponsorships and Silent Auction donations. Sponsorships enable your organization to build its brand among our UMD students and families during and beyond Family Weekend. Silent Auction donations enable the Maryland Parents Association to continue sponsoring this annual event that raises much needed funds for the Maryland Parents Association Scholarship Fund.

Q: What does the Silent Auction support?
A: The Silent Auction was established thirteen years ago to raise funds for the Maryland Parents Association Scholarship Fund. Each year, numerous students receive scholarship support that enables them to stay in school when they encounter extenuating financial and personal circumstances. The Parents Association was able to provide scholarships to over 20 students during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Q: What benefits do I/my organization receive by participating?
A: Sponsorship benefits vary by level but include visibility during Family Weekend – including signage and acknowledgement on the Family Weekend Website and Mobile App. All Silent Auction donors receive the benefit of acknowledgement located on the table with their donation in addition to recognition on the online “Honor Roll” on www.sagiving.umd.edu/silentauction. In addition, donated items and sponsorships are considered charitable gifts to the University of Maryland and are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Q: What kinds of items do you need?
A: We typically have over 300 items in our Silent Auction and as you can imagine, they run the gamut. Our goal is to have something for everyone. Of particular interest are unique or one-of-a-kind items and experiences. Travel and restaurant gift certificates are always very popular along with tickets to theaters, sporting events, concerts, etc.

Q: I do not live near University of Maryland; do you still want my contributions?
A: Absolutely! Family Weekend attracts parents and families from all over the nation. In addition, a variety of items will be available for our online bidding through Bidding For Good, whose network includes approximately a half million qualified bidders.

Q: Who can I contact if I would like more information about the Silent Auction?
A: Please direct your questions to Silent Auction Co-Chairs at mpaauction@umd.edu.

Q: I am interested in learning more about the Division of Student Affairs and additional corporate sponsorship opportunities.
A: Please contact Roz Moore, Assistant Director of Development and External Relations. She can be reached at rozmoore@umd.edu or 301.314.3694. We also invite you to visit www.sagiving.umd.edu for more information about the charitable giving and sponsorship opportunities at University of Maryland.

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SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM
FAMILY WEEKEND OCTOBER 2-4, 2015

We are seeking donations for our annual Maryland Parents Association Silent Auction, which will be held during Family Weekend on Friday, October 2 – Sunday, October 4, 2015. Proceeds will benefit the Maryland Parents Association Scholarship Fund. This Fund was established to award scholarships to full-time undergraduate students who may be unable to continue their education due to extenuating financial circumstances. Your donation will help us raise funds needed to support a growing number of students who greatly appreciate your generosity.

DONATED ITEM/EXPERIENCE

Item Name: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Item Description: ______________________________________________________________________________________
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Fair Market Value: ______________________________________________________________________________________
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☐ Please call me to arrange for pick-up/discuss delivery options at: ____________________________

☐ Please check here if the item was made by hand/self-made

DONOR INFORMATION

Business Name: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Contact Name: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________
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Signature: ______________________________________________________________________________________
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Please return this completed form and your gift(s)* to:

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*Please send valuable items via a carrier that can track shipment status (i.e., FedEx, UPS, USPS Priority Mail, etc.)

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