



# BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

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Dear Friend,

You may remember that I wrote to you during the fall of 2018 on behalf of The Bryn Mawr Fund, and I am returning to thank you for your ongoing support that directly impacted our students, ensuring that their collective Bryn Mawr experiences both in and outside of the classroom are unparalleled.

Your gift has facilitated the creation of amazing opportunities for our students. Did you know that out of the close to 4,000 colleges and universities in the United States, Bryn Mawr is among approximately 100 institutions that meet 100 percent of demonstrated need for all students? I am really proud to be included in this group. Currently, 83 percent of Bryn Mawr students receive financial aid, with an average award of \$63,436. Contributions to The Bryn Mawr Fund directly support the College's continued ability to do this and to explore innovative new opportunities in our community.

We're not done with our goal of making Bryn Mawr accessible to the most talented students who desire a holistic stellar liberal arts education. Recently, we have been working with area community colleges that have Honors programs to create Pathway programs that guarantee that when students matriculate at Bryn Mawr, they will be able to graduate within two years. We want to help students at community college think more broadly about the realm of possibilities they have before them. The reality of many prospective community college transfers is that:

- 80 percent of students enrolled at community college intend to transfer to a four-year college; however, only 25 percent ultimately transfer to four-year colleges, even fewer (17 percent) earn a BA;
- Many students don't even consider a private, liberal arts college as an option because of the perception that we are too expensive.

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Because we are committed to liberal arts education and to support for this population, we have partnered with Haverford College to introduce a new summer program that will bring community college students to our campuses for a week-long immersion that will include a team-taught course that enables them to experience what it is like to transfer to and attend a private college, and experience engagement with the teaching faculty who are central to a liberal arts education.

Most students who attend community colleges think about going to a school that is in their neighborhood or a public university. Some of them hear 'liberal arts college' and think it has to do with political beliefs or that it is unaffordable. We want them to understand the breadth of what one can achieve at a liberal arts college and to know that for some students it can be more affordable than a public option. We are excited to launch this pilot that will help students think more broadly about college completion.

It continues to be a gift meeting, recruiting, and enrolling such talented students from around the world who are looking for an academic challenge. Through reading their applications and listening to their personal stories, I observe common themes: Mawrters are united in their love of learning, curious about everything, and passionately independent – allowing them to defy the status quo.

I hope that you will consider contributing to The Bryn Mawr Fund because your donation directly contributes to life-changing opportunities for our students. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cheryl L. Horsey".

Cheryl Lynn Horsey, PhD '99  
Chief Enrollment Officer