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On being a good investment

WORD TO THE WISE

You Are Tomorrow

by Brant Nelson

Like it or not, you are an investment. Whether you are coming to college on a scholarship, if you are receiving support from family, or even if you are paying entirely out of pocket, someone is making an investment in you. Either someone is paying for your butt to sit in a chair in a college classroom, or your instructors or mentor is investing their time and energy. Someone thinks that you are worth something.

And so you must ask yourself, are you being a worthy investment? What are you doing with what you have been given?

College is an excellent time to experiment and to grow into yourself; to become the best you that you can be. It is a place and time to practice a healthy and unique form of selfishness that few ever have the opportunity to experience. This is all part of the contract; part of the investment made. You have been entrusted with a unique freedom to explore; to wisely allow yourself expo-

sure to different disciplines and information and ideas and cultures and backgrounds and organizations. You are allowed to discover and categorize what turns you on and what turns you off, and then to allow this exposure to develop you into the person you will become.

You have been entrusted with this freedom because somebody believes that you will make the world a better place because of the choices you are making right now.

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"We have advantages. We have a cushion to fall back on. This is abundance. A luxury of place and time. Something rare and wonderful. It's almost historically unprecedented. We must do extraordinary things. We have to. It would be absurd not to."

—Dave Eggers, *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*

APRIL EVENTS

***Greenlighting Available**

Leadership Team @ PDHS

Monday, April 7th

Sophomore Registration

Wednesday, April 9th

Freshman Registration

Monday, April 14th

Good Friday—No Classes

Friday, April 18th

Leadership Team @ Whittier

Monday, April 28th

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

David Mendoza—April 5

Colton Hall—April 7

Tommy Hoang—April 15

Unique Douglas—April 22

Shelby Wilburn—April 29