“It was a true joy to serve as the ninth grade boarding girls’ class officer this year. The applicant pool for this class was composed of over 700 of the most phenomenal young women I’ve ever read about, spanning across the United States and 23 different countries. All of them shared a desire for a more challenging academic environment and a school with a strong sense of community. As a result, the young women who were admitted this year are all brilliant, talented, and beautiful—but they are also unique in what makes them a great fit and match for the fabric of the community. I look forward to seeing these wonderful artists, athletes, politicians, and scientists grow and develop into future leaders that will change the world for the better.”

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"The incoming group of ninth grade boarding boys is a particularly diverse and talented bunch. All told, this year's admitted ninth grade boys hail from 10 different countries and 22 states. The group consists not only of beloved brothers and sons, but also highly capable athletes, musicians, scholars, and thespians. Through shared and unique interests, I expect the class to come together nicely and I am looking forward to welcoming the members of Andover’s Class of 2014 to campus; this will be an exciting group of students to watch develop over the course of the next four years."

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“What struck me the most about this year’s group of day students is how genuinely nice they all are. Their teachers and guidance counselors wrote unbelievable recommendations about them—not only are they smart and talented, but they’re also the types of kids who say hi to everyone in the hallways, who help their peers with math problems during their lunch period, and who are kind to everyone in their class. I look forward to congratulating them all in person on March 29th at the reception for newly admitted day students and their parents. Welcome to the Phillips Academy family!”

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“While strong academic achievement stands out as the priority for the 50 10th-grade girls offered acceptance to Phillips Academy, the willingness to move beyond one’s own personal achievement and give back to one’s school, local community, or family stood out in this group of newly admitted students. What distinguishes them are the many girls who have stepped forward to be leaders amongst their peers. They are leaders of a sports team or an orchestra, founders of new school clubs, editors of literary magazines or newspapers, class presidents and school ambassadors. They have committed long hours to service projects, not because they were required to do so but because they were compelled and moved to do so. Goodness as much as knowledge defines this extraordinary group of young girls.”

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“Featuring a unique collective of linguists, athletes, musicians, political activists, community servants, artists, mathletes, researchers, and dedicated students from across the U.S. and abroad, the incoming class of 10th grade boys boasts a wide range of passions and personalities that will only add to Andover’s youth from every quarter sensibility. We are proud to welcome this wonderful and unique class in this, Andover’s 233rd year.”

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“Though the group of newly admitted 11th graders is by far the smallest, it is certainly not lacking potency in any form. Among the mix are brilliant mathematicians, superstar athletes, politically charged voices, and students who will grace us with their cool intellectualism. In short, the new upper pool is a booster shot that will enrich the current group of rising 11th graders in a multitude of ways—most notably, their kindness. I am very excited to welcome them to campus.”

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“We have selected a small but very exciting group of postgraduates and one-year seniors this admission season. In the highly selective process we reviewed every case carefully and looked for high-achieving students with strong academic records and positive reputations for involvement, leadership, and service in their communities. And we found them all over the country and all over the world. We have students in the postgraduate/one-year senior class from Caracas, Venezuela; Glasgow, Scotland; St John's in Newfoundland, Canada; Ketchum, Idaho; Los Angeles, California; and our own backyard of Andover, Massachusetts. This year’s group is as talented and as interesting as ever—with students who excel as linguists, scientists, poets, and mathematicians. We have also found a number of high-level student-athletes who have been recognized as leaders on and off the fields of play. We are excited that each member of this special group will bring their own personal strengths, dedication, community spirit, and commitment to excellence that have made each of them a standout at their prior schools. We think the one-year experience at Andover is truly the chance of a lifetime and we are eager to welcome each and every one of them to this wonderful community.”

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