

Success on Alma Vista Way
By The Pinto Family

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Dear Everyone:

Thank you! We would like to express our gratitude by thanking you for the cards, goodies, and pictures! We greatly appreciate it. There is nothing like coming home from a long day of school, work, and sports to see packages there waiting for us! It was nice to receive something in the mail other than bills. We miss everyone greatly and feel so blessed to have you in our lives! We apply all the things we learned at Mooseheart in our lives; believe it or not, we have chore lists, make schedules, use our time management skills, and have lots of other rules (thanks to Joe).

Here are some updates on us:

Stephen – Is the life of the party of our house! He is ALWAYS out and about. He is also going to school full time and working! He plays football at Sacramento City College, where his team won their division and is going to the Community College Bowl Game.

Joseph – He is our family teacher, he tries to maintain some order in our house. He is attending Sacramento State University and will graduate in one year. He is working for CalSTRS, which is the California State Teachers Retirement Systems in the executive office. He also does a lot of cooking for us.

Britney – She does most of our good home cooking! (Macaroni and Cheese) Just kidding! She loves to bake and makes the best deserts. She also is attending Sacramento State University and will graduate in one year. She is a teller at Wells Fargo Bank and enjoys counting money all day.

Adrianna – Is doing really well! She is attending Sacramento City College and will transfer to Sacramento State in one year. She also works at CalSTRS (the same place Joe works, but he's not my boss!) I keep busy and am on best behavior. Thanks again for the packages! I almost cried when I was opening my stuff! Thank you for still caring!

Mooseheart has instilled many values in our lives that we use today and we are so fortunate to have had such a stable foundation built for us. You have done so much to help us and we will continue to reflect your message and your goodness throughout our lives.

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Co-workers, the letter just read was intended for Mooseheart Chapter 3001 in response to receipt of care packages sent to Mooseheart Alumni. This heart-felt thank you was inadvertently delivered to the Women of the Moose Office at the Supreme Lodge. It is being shared with each of you as proof that your generosity, devotion, time and thoughtfulness do not go unnoticed by Mooseheart students even after they have left the Child City.

These are four shining examples of the success that can be found thanks to the lessons learned at Mooseheart. It is touching to know our Mooseheart students are given the skills to successfully become mature, responsible, caring adults. We should be ever mindful that the gates at Mooseheart are always open. The children become our children when they “enter to learn.” They remain our children when they “leave to serve.” Isn’t it amazing how something as simple as a few snacks, a handwritten note and a photo or two can uplift the children we treasure so dearly?

For nearly one hundred years, our fraternity has educated students in mind and in hand. This letter is a ringing endorsement that our students are also educated in heart. The valuable lessons of self-respect, appreciation, caring for others and giving your best are as important in life as any lesson learned in a textbook or workshop. Joseph, Brittany, Adrianna and Stephen have all taken full advantage of the opportunities that Mooseheart afforded them, as evidenced by a second letter received this spring.

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March 2009

Good Afternoon. I am glad to hear that our letter is making its rounds to all the necessary people to express our appreciation. Our success is a direct reflection of the Mooseheart staffs’ patience and the love and financial support of the Moose Fraternity.

I was very enthused when I arrived home on Monday and Britney had informed me of the letter you had sent. We always enjoy giving back to the ones who make our lives possible.

Currently everything is going well at 7394 Alma Vista Way.

Joseph - Class of 2005 - I am ready to graduate! School is going well, but will be a lot better in December when I graduate. Although the economy is terrible I have complete confidence in myself to be able to find a job once I graduate. I am also still working at CalSTRS.

Britney - Class of 2005 - She is also very excited to be graduating in December. School is very stressful for her right now because she has started student teaching and it consumes most of her day. After student teaching she goes straight to work and usually arrives home around 6:30.

Adrianna - Class of 2007 - She continues to excel in school, and study hard. This morning I woke up at 5:30 AM to feed Marley and she was sitting at the table doing homework, go figure!

Stephen - Class of 2007 - He is working hard to keep good grades in school, but is working even harder to hold that starting position on his football team. He has been training very hard and looks forward to start this season.

Marley – our chocolate lab - He is fantastic! He cannot complain; we spoil the heck out of him!

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Once again I would like to say thank you for your continued interest in our lives even after we have graduated; the Moose Fraternity is truly a family. I hope that our update letters will be shared and continue to inspire the Moose Family to give to the children at Mooseheart so they may have a second chance at life as we have.

I look forward to helping you restore the faith in the Moose Family.

Sincerely,

Joseph Tezanos-Pinto