A Note to Parents from Dominic DelliCarpini

As parents, the hopes and dreams we have for ourselves pale when compared to the hopes and dreams we have for our children.

We know that at York College. And as the father of four children, I know that as well.

We know that you want College to be transformative, that you want college to give your son or daughter a start in the world that will ignite their desire to learn, to succeed, to thrive, and to be happy.

So, why encourage your son or daughter to consider the Graham Scholars program? Because

- It will make them **part of a team** of other motivated students;
- It will encourage them **to study what they love** and **love what they study**—while also giving them some **basic business principles** that can help them succeed in the workplace no matter their major;
- It will help them see, *from day one*, the **benefits of hard work**
- It will help them learn not only from excellent professors, but also from community mentors and leaders, the real world applications of their work
- It will give the funded opportunity to travel abroad with other Scholars and to learn from other cultures here in the United States
- If they choose—and if they earn it—it will give them the opportunity for funded summer work/research experiences to build experience and a strong resume, while earning enough to replace or supplement other summer work.
- And most of all,
- it will help them to learn how powerful the combination of **innovative thinking** and a **strong work ethic** can be.

That is what our patron, the highly successful businessman Donald Graham, calls "**entrepreneurial thinking**"—thinking that not only helps you start a career, but which helps you become a valuable member of any workplace.

In effect, we've reverse engineered Mr. Graham's formula for success, and are using it to educate better. So, whether your son or daughter becomes a Graham Scholar or not, we know what an investment of time and money College is.

At York College, we'll make it worthwhile. **You have the word of a fellow parent on that!**