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Dear Chief Hobley-Burney:

Graduation season is upon us!

This month some 6,550 seniors will graduate from our local high schools. What used to be the end for many is now the beginning, thanks to **the Indian River State College Promise Program.**

"I never thought I could go to college. No one in my family ever has, so I didn't think it was a thing. I heard about the Promise Program, and the IRSC team worked to help me see my future. They have a ton of stuff you can study. I had no idea. Now I am enrolled to start my A.A. Degree. It's exciting to know that the community cares enough to make this happen."

— Mary, Central High School Class of 2023 and IRSC Class of 2025.

Why support two-year college for high school graduates in our community?

This spring, 63% of graduating seniors on the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee counties—**4147 students—signed the Promise Pledge to attend Indian River State College in 2023–2024.** By supporting the **Promise Program Endowment Fund**, you will ensure that every graduate in our community who can pursue a **two-year Associate Degree can do it tuition-free!** The need is great. IRSC needs your support to make it happen.

As our population expands, the need for skilled employees in nursing, health sciences, skilled trades, public safety, and computer technology has outpaced supply. Research shows that more than three-quarters (76%) of State College graduates stay in the communities where they earned their degrees. The Indian River State College Promise Program is working to ensure the next generation in our community will have well-paying, impactful occupations and stay here in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties.

Your gift of \$103.82 to the Promise Program Endowment Fund will join with others to ensure all our local high school graduates have access to a college degree. With over 100 programs of study available at IRSC, together, we can provide a bright future for all our kids.

Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Annabel Robertson".

Annabel Robertson, Director
Indian River State College Foundation

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P.S. As a non-profit 501(c)(3), IRSC Foundation relies on your gifts to help support our student scholarships. Your gift of \$103.82 will provide one-credit hour of education for a Promise Student. Please help provide education for all our graduates by returning your donation today!