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Good day

I would like to take the opportunity to express sincere gratitude to Springs Boys' High School from my wife, my family, and myself.

Last night was both special and historical in the life of our family as well as our relationship with the school.

It is most wonderful to have travelled a full circle with the school, having been a pupil who was raised at and by the school, and now being a person of good social and professional standing as a fruit of what the school greatly invested in me.

I speak for myself, my family, as well as all other past pupils in saying we are greatly indebted to Springs Boys High, our Alma Mater.

I thank you, not only for bestowing on me the honour of being guest speaker at the 78th Honours Evening 2018, but also for making the arrangements and organisation so fluid and easy for me. There was some back and forth communication with the school regarding the arrangements and I cherish all the accommodations extended towards me by SBHS, the Principal and staff.

I am greatly appreciative of the hospitality extended to my family and I on the night.

I am in great awe of how the school has maintained the ethos of raising young men. I am also proud of how, not only has the school maintained its standing, but has taken leaps and bounds to progress the life and future of the school, as well as of your pupils. To highlight a few moments of pride:

1. The all-inclusive, well thought and much needed school prayer.
2. How the young men still spiritedly sing and embrace the enriching words of the school anthem.
3. The excellent school band that is the pride of the school as the National champions.
4. Having a first female Principal, who also has been a longstanding worthy custodian and guardian of the school's legacy.
5. Seeing the many faces of the teachers who were at the school during my tenure there, as well as, how they continue to invest themselves as well as adding to this investment by way of their offspring, who will most definitely continue to entrench the school's legacy well into the future.
6. The moment of the awards itself, this is the most significant moment as it brings to life the deeply hidden seed of aspiration harboured in every single recipient of the awards, their families and well as witnesses. These awards also displayed a much broader inclusivity of the school's pupils, thus aiming at reaching the hearts of and inspiring as many pupils as possible.
7. The much needed and appreciated - life changing - solicitation and achievement of relationships with industry and corporations. This icing on a well-baked cake will change the life of the school for the better! It will also improve the lives and aspirations of the pupils the most, thus allaying all fears that may stand in their way, bringing to life a hope that is many a time diminished by poverty and lack of financial support.
8. The contribution to the awards by the staff themselves: I think I heard of the Freeman, Venter, Paouros awards among others; as well as the Robin Van Ginkel award, who was Head Boy when I was Deputy.



9. I always knew of the “Kreepy Krauly” inventor, and I am proud to raise it every now and then, that I was classmates with one of his sons (Luke Manthe). I was most pleased to hear about Mugg & Bean. On both accounts I was able to brag to my wife how I have always told her about the “Kreepy Krauly”, and now how it makes sense that I’ve always been attracted to Mugg & Bean.
10. I was informed that Ms Angela Jones is the current principal of Springs Girls’ High School. This is so wonderful! The combination of the two principals, Mrs Freeman and Ms Jones, must never be underestimated! Having shared a great deal of work together in their services to both schools, with the latter also having taught at SBHS, I am certain that a glorious history is being engineered for the schools and how they serve Ekurhuleni. The impact of this phenomenon will leave a footprint that will prevail for years to come.

The list would go on, and yes, of course I will continue to take opportunity and pleasure in visiting the school, both on occasions such as the honours awards, as well as, on more social occasions, and at any occasion I am close by to come and have some tea and appreciate the ongoing growth of Alma Mater.

Esto Perpetua

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