Dear Parents and Families:

With another school year officially behind us, I thank you on behalf of the Union College administration for giving us the opportunity to educate your daughters and sons. We are continually impressed with the talents, intellectual curiosity and commitment to community that your students embrace each and every day.

As President Ainlay told the Class of 2015 during Commencement weekend, Union is a place that nurtures a sense of purpose and strength of character. Touching on themes explored in *New York Times* columnist David Brooks’ recent book, “The Road to Character,” he said in his baccalaureate remarks, “At Union, it’s the belief we are a community, that each of us matters, and that together we
are unstoppable and that together we can do great things… At Union, it’s the belief that a great education prepares you with both deep knowledge in your chosen field of study and broad knowledge of the ways in which multiple fields of study approach a problem…

“And at Union, we believe that concern for others – on campus and beyond our gates, reaching out to others in times of need and making the world a better place – is a top priority.” For the full text of remarks, click here.

Some 500 students received their degrees Sunday on Hull Plaza. This year’s featured speaker was Devin Wenig ’88, the CEO-designate of eBay. You can read his address and a recap of the day here. Among our graduates are 11 students who will be heading to countries around the globe to do important social entrepreneurial work for communities in need. They are the College’s newest Minerva Fellows. In the coming year, you’ll be hearing more from them via their blogs.

Our hearty congratulations to all the graduates as they embark on their next journeys. And to our Union parents and families, my sincere wishes for a happy and healthy summer.

Stephen C. Leavitt
Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

The Garnet Yearbook
Make your students’ Union College memories last a lifetime. Order a copy of the 2015 yearbook, The Garnet, an artistic endeavor by students, available for $42.50. The Union College order number is 14165. Sales close June 30.

The year in photos
From Convocation to Commencement, the 2014-15 academic year was a vibrant one. Check out photos featuring these and other Union traditions, as well as guest speakers, student clubs, community service, research, arts, athletics and much more.

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