



The Founder's Message:

Dear SMSA Family and Friends,

It is truly hard to believe that 20 years have gone by since our school began to make its mark in the Hartford community. Thanks to the first group of 113 students and 7 staff, who, in 1997 began their journey, as a family, in the Bond Hotel, to make a difference in the lives of young people, in Hartford.

It wasn't easy in the beginning. Many people thought we would fail. But, we worked tirelessly to create a school that was different, innovative and forward thinking. Unlike other schools we had a unique curricular design which fostered a sense of family among and between students and staff. Our core beliefs of Respect, Responsibility, Discipline and Dedication infused into our daily

routine made us create a future of possibilities for all who attended. That same spirit is alive and well to this day. Yes, there have been many changes. Our small high school of 350 students has grown in size but not in its hope to have all students realize their dreams of becoming productive contributing members of society.

As one of the top 100 high schools in the nation, SMSA must continue to offer students in the Hartford Region a venue to pursue their passions and in doing so make a difference in this world. As graduates of SMSA, you need to remain connected to your school. The current students now and in the future need to hear about your journey to become the person you are today. They need to learn from your experiences. Help them see that they too can become part of the SMSA Alumni family.

As the Founder and 1st principal I am committed to keeping the "Tiger Spirit Alive!" I cannot do it without knowing the graduates are willing to keep our stories of the past alive. Knowing where we come from makes us stronger and by keeping those memories alive we can experience the past with pride which helps us move more confidently into the future.

It has always been and always will be my joy to be a part of the SMSA family. Wishing much success in life's journey, Always with affection,

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