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Dear Beth,

I am writing to express my gratitude for the time we spent together at Churchill County High School. As you know, I was recently named Acting Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education. It's the capstone of a long career in public service, and I have you to thank for getting me started.

When you came to Fallon, I was shy and awkward, quite unsure of myself. The way you approached drama and debate gave me confidence. You even attempted to teach me to sing in the role of Marryin' Sam when you bravely decided we should stage the first high school musical in Fallon in many years. Although I was never able to carry a tune, you convinced me it was okay to stand on stage and do my best. You allowed me to help with *Damn Yankees*, and you coached me through an oratory competition at a debate tournament. That training helps me to this day. I still shy away from public speaking, but I know how to get through it because of the foundation you gave me.

I remember fondly how you came to Fallon as an "outsider." You seemed quite brave and glamorous to this local boy, and I know you stood up for yourself – and your students – during your time there. Many of us were positively influenced by the example you set.

Please know that I and many others remember the impact you had on our lives. You are never far from my thoughts when I step up to a podium! Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dale A.R. Erquiaga'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale A.R. Erquiaga
Acting Chancellor