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To Whom It May Concern,

Macalester College's graduation gown donation program was started by a student and an environmental studies faculty member who were alarmed by the waste involved in one-use graduation gowns. They successfully implemented a program in only three weeks that collects caps and gowns after Mac's graduation and donating them to the Minnesota Internship Center Charter High School, a low-income school.

Numerous schools have inquired about our donation program and the system has been a model for other schools. The original student's posters, timeline and contact sheet has been used by the subsequent student organizers.

The program is innovative in that it is a creative solution to a waste issue and has been a model for others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Suzanne Savanick Hansen". The signature is fluid and cursive, extending across the width of the page.

Suzanne Savanick Hansen, Ph.D.