

Dear Members of the Boys and Girls Tipp XC Team and Coaches,

Please accept my sincere congratulations on your 2014 season. It is such a thrill for me to see each of you run with such passion and commitment. You amaze me with your improvements and personal records as well as your team accomplishments. My congratulations to each of the coaches for molding these athletes and program and achieving this unmatched level of success.

I hope you are proud of the fine young men and women you are becoming. Every time I see pictures of you (either as a team or as individuals) in the paper, you represent yourselves so positively. It makes me smile every time. I am so thankful for having the opportunity to know you and follow your high school careers.

I also want to tell you how much I enjoyed the reception in the gym celebrating your victorious return from the State Finals as well as the presentation of your well deserved state awards during half time of the basketball game. While I am very content to sit back and watch each of you receive your accolades, you are very gracious with your hugs and taking time to speak with me. Your "shout out" to me during the awards presentation, while unnecessary, was so typical of your generosity and thoughtfulness. It means a great deal to me. Thank you very much for the autographed picture. I will cherish it always. (I still have the statue/ plaque the team gave me, from your days in middle school, in a special place in our home.)

I look forward to watching each of you follow your dreams in the future. Please know you will always hold a special place in my heart.

Mrs. O.