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Welcome to the Centennial Gala. Your participation indicates your continued support of The Wardlaw-Hartridge School.

Our record of one hundred years of private education is one of which we may all be justifiably proud. This record, fulfilling a goal of providing quality education to the young men and women of this area, has been achieved by the dedicated efforts of many. The leadership of the trustees, the guidance of the administrators, and the teaching of the faculty have all contributed to this success.

Perhaps the best tribute to this school and the many who have served it through these past one hundred years can never be put into words. This tribute exists in the students whose lives have been touched in many ways by being a part of the educational processes that are within this institution. This silent tribute is a joyous legacy. May it continue for years to come.

Very truly yours,

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Welcome to our Gala Celebration!

Tonight we honor the one hundred years of service our school has provided to generations of students. The history of our school is made up of people. The lives of those who learned and taught at The Hartridge School, Wardlaw Country Day School, and The Wardlaw-Hartridge School are the essence of our past. Those who have supported these schools are equally important to this celebration. All of us here tonight in some measure can take pride in the first one hundred years.

Special thanks for this celebration are in order to our Honorary Gala Chairman, Mrs. J. P. Stevens, Jr., a staunch supporter of both founding schools and the merged institution. Additional thanks go to the members of the Centennial Gala Committee for their tireless work that has made this lovely evening possible.

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One hundred years ago John Leal, a Yale University graduate, recognized the need for a facility to educate young men in Plainfield and founded “Mr. Leal’s School” on East Front Street in the city.

At about the same time Julia Scribner took on the task of educating a neighbor’s child, a wish other parents quickly echoed. Soon Miss Scribner and her home could not meet the demands, and founded, with Miss Adeline P. Newton “The Misses Scribner and Newton’s School for young ladies and little girls.”

Thus was laid the foundation for 100 years of strong and proud academic tradition, tradition reflected tonight in The Centennial Gala of The Wardlaw-Hartridge School.

Along the way, many milestones of scholastic and athletic, dramatic and musical, social and charitable effort were laid down in Central New Jersey as the boys and girls who are men and women here tonight came and went and came back again.

The first graduates of Leal’s School were Louis K. Hyde and Howard C. Tracy. Hyde went on to be president of the City National Bank from 1906 to 1926 and the Plainfield Savings Bank from 1916 to 1945. Tracy was a prominent attorney locally.

Leal’s School and its graduates took their places among the finest in the country, as evidenced by the statement of the president of Yale University in 1904, who, asked which school sent him the best prepared students, replied “Mr. Leal’s”.

From the outset, the Scribner-Newton School proclaimed its “thoroughness in all branches” of English, as well as instruction in Latin, German, French, drawing and elocution.

This, too, was a nationally recognized preparation for college. Wellesley, for instance, admitted the school's graduates without any further testing.

By 1899, Miss Caroline Fitz Randolph and Miss Grace Webster Cooley had taken over and established a thoroughly progressive school, aimed toward the full development of the child - physical and moral, as well as mental.

In 1902, Miss Emelyn Battersby Hartridge, principal of a school in Savannah, Ga. learned of a small private school in Plainfield from a doctor treating her for typhoid. Eager to marry Caroline Fitz Randolph, the doctor persuaded Miss Hartridge to buy it and take over.

The date on the school crest, 1903, reflected the year the school changed to become The Hartridge School, a boarding and day school that attracted the best students from the Plainfield area and nationwide, educated them and sent them on to the best colleges, especially Vassar, Miss Hartridge’s own alma mater, a school she served for many years.
Charles Digby Wardlaw travelled to Plainfield seven years after Miss Hartridge founded her school in answer to an advertisement for an assistant principal at the Leal School. Wardlaw was placed in charge of the Lower School and after five years purchased the school, in 1916, from Mr. Leal and incorporated it under his own name.

A scholar-athlete, "Pop" Wardlaw took a hand in many aspects of running the school he owned - teaching English, History and French, coaching, supervising. He wrote three books on teaching sports, and found time for a large number of community activities, some centered on his love for Civil War history.

An early Hartridge School report card provided room for marks in Greek, Roman, Medieval, English and American History, geography, rhetoric, grammar, reading, spelling, writing; Greek, Latin, French or German, trigonometry, geometry, algebra or arithmetic.

And Hartridge students found time for more - the annual Shakespearean plays they produced, the community service which, among other things, raised money to found and for many years support the children's ward at Muhlenberg Hospital and during the First World War began the nation's first Junior Red Cross chapter.

By 1931, Miss Hartridge saw the need to put the school she loved onto a permanent footing and began the moves that two years later would lead to changing Hartridge to a non-profit institution.

Nineteen-forty was another year of major change for Hartridge. Miss Hartridge and Miss Mapelsden retired; the boarding department was eliminated; the school was consolidated on the Oakwood property on Plainfield Avenue.

Miss Frances Hurrey, who became Mrs. Dixon C. Philips, began her 11-year tenure as head of school. She was followed in 1951 by Miss Harriet Sleeper, principal for 17 years.

After acquiring Leal in 1916, Mr. Wardlaw moved the school, now bearing his name, to a modernized campus at 1038 Park Avenue. In 1932, the Strong family residence, a of Digby Wardlaw, Jr. the school's principal and eight other alumni who lost their lives in for Wardlaw until the move to the current Inman Avenue campus in 1969. Besides a strong academic tradition, Wardlaw was also known for its vigorous athletic teams and outstanding public speaking programs. In 1948, a memorial chapel was built in memory of Dig Wardlaw, Jr., the school's principal and eight other alumni who lost their lives in World War II. During the 1950's Mr. Wardlaw, now in his seventies continued to run the school, but brought in Ralph Harris as assistant principal to help in the day to day details of operation.

In 1959, Mr. Wardlaw realized that in order to perpetuate his school he would have to turn it over to a group of trustees as Hartridge had done in the 1930's. He contacted Charles H. Detwiler, Jr. and alumnus and parent, and asked him to begin the moves that within eight weeks would lead to incorporation of The Wardlaw School as a non-profit institution.

The trustees paid "Pop" Wardlaw $100,000 for the school and almost immediately contacted Prentice C. Horne to offer him the post of headmaster. Horne, who had been a Deerfield administrator, would lead the school for 22 years during a period of significant expansion and change. After two additions to the Central Avenue campus and a burgeoning enrollment, the trustees decided in early 1966 that they needed to find another location on which to build a new school. The trustees launched a spectacularly successful $2.6 million campaign and started construction in April 1967 on the building we are in tonight, opening the doors to the students in September 1969.
Long united by families with children in both schools, by shared trustees and benefactors and common aims, Hartridge and Wardlaw made tentative moves toward merger in the mid-1960's.

When these were not completed, Hartridge designated Mrs. David Cayer as principal, and underwent another spurt of academic growth, as well as changes designed to give students more responsibility.

Again in 1975 the question of merger arose. Both boards established committees to consider the move from every angle and on May 20, 1976, the two boards approved this momentous step.

Much remained to be accomplished before the two proud schools opened for the new year in September, 1976, as one new, strong, proud institution.

In the time since, The Wardlaw-Hartridge School has grown in size and stature, has launched an ambitious program to improve teacher salaries and the physical plant.

With this evening and the two upcoming commencement ceremonies, The Wardlaw-Hartridge School will conclude its Centenary Celebration under headmaster Burgess N. Ayres, a fine faculty and a strong student body, confident in being able to offer high quality college preparatory education to the young women and men of Central New Jersey.