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Dear schoolmates,

My name is Neppala Subbarayudu from Maddiralapadu, now residing in the U.S.A. I finished my S.S.L.C. in 1969 from S.V.S. Oriental High School, Chekurapadu. After that, I finished my P.U.C. at Sarma College, Ongole, and after that B.Pharm and M.pharm at Andhra University, Waltair. I am so honored to proudly say that I am a product of the great S.V.S. Oriental High School, Chekurapadu. I take this opportunity to sincerely and wholeheartedly thank the donors and founders of this great educational and cultural School. My Padabhi Vandanal to our dedicated gurus.

I came from a small poor family with a blind, and disabled father. But Chekurapadu High School made me feel welcome and enriched by giving me a good education. I remember when I did not have lunch, the Chekurapadu neighbors gave me lunch and made me feel welcome. It was a satisfying experience I had in Chekurapadu. S.V.S. Oriental High School is the one that, gave me the foundation to become what I am today. When I speak English, I think of Venkateswarlu Master Garu, who taught me English grammar and who gave me tuition until late at night. When I speak Hindi, I think of the late Hindi Master Garu. Late Narasimharao Master Garu was very good at teaching sciences. Late Drill Master Garu was very good at teaching us sports that he used to make us forget the hard school work and just enjoy aatalu. In my opinion, S.V.S. Oriental High School is the only school that has such a good team of Gurus. Above all is our beloved Head Master Guravaiah Master Garu. Being Head Master, he made sure that all his students were well taken care of. When he was walking the hallway in school, I used to look at him like an idealistic Swamy Garu. A few encouraging words he wrote in my S.S.L.C book in 1969 kept resounding in my whole life. Guravaiah Master Garu, meeku inkosari naa Padabhi Vandanal.

I sincerely thank the organizing committee and all the members and also the donors and founders of S.V.S. Oriental High School for making me what I am today and also for giving me this opportunity to write and bring me past joy all over. I feel deeply indebted to S.V.S. Oriental High School and the village of Chekurapadu.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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