

November 3, 2020

Allison Ricci
[REDACTED]

RE: FOIA REQUEST

Dear Ms. Ricci:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA) request dated October 28, 2020, received via electronic mail. As the Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for processing requests for public information for the College, pursuant to *the Illinois Freedom of Information Act*, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. In your e-mail, you requested that the College make available the following records:

“The NSLS requests the following directory information for the upcoming semester of all recent students that received honors/dean's list — dividing this list into those students above and below a 3.3. This allows students with a 3.3 and higher to receive presidential designation.

Please note — NSLS is not requesting individual GPAs. In accordance with our FERPA compliance, we are requesting a list of students who fall into the above GPA ranges.

The following is requested:

First name

Last name

Email address

School address (if applicable)

Permanent address

Parkland College's Response:

Parkland College Policy 8.08.02.a. prohibits the release of directory information to outside agencies.

The Family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal statute providing for confidentiality and disclosure of post-secondary education student records. Your request does not fall within the guidelines of FERPA requiring disclosure without student consent. As such, Parkland College respectfully declines to provide the information requested in your *Freedom of Information Act* request dated June 12, 2018 pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(a) and (c). Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c), Parkland College believes the information requested relating to its students is personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and therefore denies your request.

As Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for granting and denying the requests for records under the *Freedom of Information Act*. Please be aware that this response to your request is pursuant to my understanding of your FOIA request. If I have misunderstood your request,

please let me know as soon as possible so I may provide the correct information.

Finally, if you believe that this response constitutes a denial of your request, you have the right to have this response reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

You also have the right to seek judicial review of this response by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor or State court, you will need to include a copy of this letter for the review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L. Stuart
Vice President for Communications and External Affairs

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