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## Re: Request to Use UHS Parking Lot for College Thesis Film

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Wed, Jan 29, 2025 at 2:06 PM

On Mon, Jan 13, 2025 at 6:31 AM Victoria Smith <smithv4@montclair.edu> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Bossard,

I hope this email finds you well! My name is Victoria Smith, and I am a proud graduate of 2021 from Union High School. Now, I am currently a senior pursuing a BFA in Film at Montclair State University, working on my thesis film.

Taking Ms. Sterling's TV Production class in 10th grade was the first time I realized I had a love for filmmaking, and it was in Ms. Mangrella's Script Writing class that helped discover my love for writing. It would be a dream come true if my creative journey came full circle by filming a scene of my thesis project in the school parking lot. UHS played an instrumental role in shaping my passion for storytelling, and it feels fitting to go back to where it all started.

This project is also special because the lead role is played by Khadija Sankoh, a fellow UHS alum. Khadija's creative journey also began at UHS, now she performs in Off-Broadway productions.

We will be filming the weekend of March 21st, but will only need the parking lot for one day. Filming would be conducted with the utmost respect for the school's schedule and property. I'd be happy to discuss logistics or provide additional details about the project.

Filming at UHS would truly be meaningful to me and my team, I attached the pitch deck that gives a brief overview of the film as well as the script for the parking lot scene.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

**Victoria Smith**

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