

November 3, 2009

Dear Patricia Hand,

I would like to take a moment to thank you for your gracious scholarships that you extend to our “uncommon students.” Because of two of my “uncommon students,” (Josh Zinnel and Emma Davis), I have had the opportunity learn what the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association offers students. It actually wasn’t until my students received this award did I fully become aware of all the marvelous things this Association does.

The Association made me feel special by inviting me to the presentations. You welcomed me with open arms. Your personnel are cordial, informative, and quite professional.

I am overwhelmed by how the Association challenges students to seek the best in themselves. The Association encourages and supports Iowa’s youth. I think it is wonderful how personnel continue to follow their uncommon students providing recommendations for employment.

The scholarship selection committee is impressive. The members, pillars of society, are accomplished individuals who demonstrate how hard work and determination may lead to success and happiness.

It is amazing how the Hoover family continues their involvement and support for these uncommon students. It is a student’s lifelong memory to be presented such a prestigious award by such a distinguished family. It is quite a thrill to see the great attendance of multiple Hoover families attending the presentation and extending the scholarships to the students.

Finally, the Association has taught me about an incredible, uncommon man, Herbert Hoover.

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Peterson  
Spanish Teacher  
Prairie Valley High School  
Gowrie, Iowa