

**THANK YOU CAESAR.**

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY WITH  
THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATING CLASS OF 1988, THEIR PARENTS  
AND FAMILY, THEIR TEACHERS AND THEIR

FRIENDS. AS ALWAYS, I APPRECIATE THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO MARTIN LUTHER  
KING ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS SUCH AS THIS.

I AM PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO SALUTE NOT ONLY  
THE GRADUATING STUDENTS, BUT THE HARD  
WORKING FACULTY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING FOR  
A JOB WELL DONE.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A BRIEF MOMENT TO  
PERSONALLY THANK YOUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL,  
MR. CAESAR PREVIDI FOR HELPING TO MAKE THE  
SIXTH YEAR OF OUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE  
JOIN-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM SUCH A SUCCESS.  
TOGETHER SINCE 1983, WE HAVE ALL MADE THIS  
PROGRAM WORK.

AS PRESIDENT OF THE PRIMERICA FOUNDATION,  
IT IS INDEED MY SPECIAL PLEASURE TO  
  
PRESENT THE SIXTH PRIMERICA SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARD TO ROBERT YOUNG AN OUTSTANDING YOUNG  
MAN. OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS, ROBERT NOT  
ONLY HAS FOUND THE TIME TO EXCEL ON HIS  
  
ACADEMIC STUDIES, BUT HE HAS ALSO BEEN  
EXCEPTIONALLY ACTIVE IN MANY  
  
EXTRACURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

I AM SURE THAT AS ROBERT BEGINS HIS  
COLLEGE EDUCATION AT IONA COLLEGE THIS  
COMING SEPTEMBER, THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO  
EXCEL AND MAKE HIS PARENTS, TEACHERS AND  
FRIENDS VERY PROUD.

CONGRATULATIONS!

IT IS NOT OFTEN THAT ONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM SUCH PLEASANT TASKS SUCH AS THE ONES I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PERFORM TODAY AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

IN 1984 THE PRIMERICA CORPORATION PROVIDED SUPPORT TO ORGANIZE THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FAMILY OF SCHOOLS NETWORK. THE NETWORK OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENSURE THEIR ACHIEVEMENT AND SUCCESS.

IN 1988 ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AT SCHOOLS  
NAMED AFTER DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
THERE HAVE BEEN PRESENTATIONS OF THIS  
LEARNING INCENTIVE AWARD WHICH I AM VERY  
HONORED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH.

IN KEEPING WITH THE MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
JR., FAMILY OF SCHOOLS THEME:

RESPECT FOR LEARNING A TRIBUTE TO  
DR. KING. THE SCHOLAR

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY SCHOOL  
COMMITTEES AND PRESENTED WITH AWARDS THAT  
MAKE A VISIBLE IMPACT UPON THE RECIPIENTS.

TWO STUDENTS AT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
HIGH SCHOOL WHO HAVE RISEN TO THE  
CHALLENGE AND HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS THE  
1988 AWARD RECIPIENTS.

THE FIRST RECIPIENT IS MISS NICOLE HUDSON.  
NICOLE HAS CONSISTENTLY TAKEN A RIGOROUS  
PROGRAM OF COLLEGE PREP CLASSES AND WILL  
BE ATTENDING ALFRED UNIVERSITY IN  
SEPTEMBER. SHE HAS BEEN A GIRL SCOUT  
LEADER AND GIVES MUCH TIME TO WORKING WITH  
CHILDREN. THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
SELECTED NICOLE FOR HER COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, GRIT  
AND PERSONALITY.

CONGRATULATIONS NICOLE!



THE SECOND RECIPIENT IS MISS TRACY  
LIDDELOW. TRACY HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER  
OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY  
AS AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STUDENT  
ORGANIZATION. TRACY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AT  
PACE UNIVERSITY. I AM SURE THAT HER  
INTELLECTUAL ABILITIES, TENACITY AND  
DETERMINATION WILL STAND HER IN GOOD  
STEAD.

CONGRATULATIONS TRACY!

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THAN

K YOU, CAROLYN. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE  
TO WELCOME THE STEERING COMMITTEE, MEMBERS,  
FRIENDS AND HONORED GUESTS OF THE FAMILY OF  
SCHOOLS NETWORK TO NEW YORK CITY. I HOPE  
EVERYONE HAD SMOOTH CONNECTIONS IN  
ARRIVING AND WILL ENJOY  
THEIR STAY IN THE "BIG APPLE".

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AS

PRESIDENT OF THE PRIMERICA FOUNDATION, I  
AM DELIGHTED TO BE YOUR HOST THIS  
AFTERNOON FOR A SPECIAL RECEPTION HONORING  
THE 1988 NATIONWIDE RECIPIENTS OF THE  
WILLIAM S. WOODSIDE LEARNING INCENTIVE  
AWARDS, AND PARTICULARLY THE MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR. FAMILY OF SCHOOLS NETWORK.

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IN

1983, PRIMERICA WAS ONE OF THREE  
CORPORATIONS TO BEGIN THE NEW YORK CITY  
JOIN-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM. WE WERE VERY  
FORTUNATE TO BE MATCHED WITH MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR. HIGH SCHOOL IN MANHATTAN. THIS  
PARTNERSHIP HAS NOW COMPLETED ITS SIXTH  
YEAR AND IS GOING STRONG BECAUSE OF THE

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

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WAS BECAUSE OF OUR SUCCESS WITH MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR. HIGH SCHOOL AND OUR  
GENUINE INTEREST OF ESTABLISHING MODELS OF  
PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS ACROSS THE  
COUNTRY, THAT IN 1984 PRIMERICA PROVIDED  
SUPPORT TO ORGANIZE THE MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR. FAMILY OF SCHOOLS NETWORK. OUR  
GOALS FROM THE BEGINNING HAS BEEN TO  
EXPRESS STRONG INTEREST IN THE EDUCATION  
OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE ESSENTIAL ROLES  
WHICH CORPORATIONS AND GOVERNMENT MUST  
PLAY IN SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES IN THEIR  
QUESTS FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE.

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ER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE NETWORK HAS  
ACCOMPLISHED MUCH SUCCESS, MANY  
ACHIEVEMENTS AND TOUCHED A GREAT NUMBER OF  
PEOPLE.

FROM THE BEGINNING OUR FRIEND, CAROLYN  
JONES HAS BEEN PLUGGING AWAY UNSELFISHLY,  
TO ENSURE GREATER HEIGHTS OF SUCCESS WITH  
THE NETWORK.

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1987, I MET WITH CAROLYN TO DISCUSS THE  
CREATION OF AN AWARD FOR THE FAMILY OF  
SCHOOLS NETWORK. THE LEARNING INCENTIVE  
AWARD THAT IS THE FOCUS OF TODAY'S RECEPTION  
IS AN ADAPTATION OF THE MINERVA AWARD  
WHICH DR. VARTAN GREGORIAN INITIATED WITH  
THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY. WE ARE  
GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ADAPT THE  
IDEA AND TO BRING IT INTO FRUITION ON A  
NATIONAL SCALE. ALSO, WITH OUR MOST  
RECENT NEW MEMBER SCHOOL IN ROME, ITALY,  
WE ARE OPERATING ON AN INTERNATIONAL  
SCALE.



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AS I

REVIEWED, THE SELECTION CRITERIA OF THE  
LEARNING INCENTIVE AWARD DEVELOPED BY THE  
STEERING COMMITTEE, I AM PLEASED BY THE  
STANDARDS THAT THEY HAVE ADOPTED. IT IS  
VERY CLEAR TO ME THAT THE CRITERIA  
REQUIRES THAT ALL OF THE AWARD RECIPIENTS  
POSSESS SEVERAL QUALITIES SUCH AS:  
PERSEVERANCE, COMMITMENT, ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE, LEADERSHIP, JUST TO NAME A  
FEW.

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AS

YOU REVIEW THE AWARD PROGRAM FOR TODAY'S  
EVENT, I AM SURE YOU WILL BE IMPRESSED BY  
THE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE 1988  
RECIPIENTS. THEY ARE A TRULY REMARKABLE  
CROSS-SECTION OF STUDENTS FROM THE  
ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL  
LEVELS. I AM TRULY ENCOURAGED THAT THESE  
YOUNGSTERS REPRESENT WHAT IS BEST ABOUT  
THEIR SCHOOLS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES AND  
MOST OF ALL ABOUT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
JR. FAMILY OF SCHOOLS NETWORK. I AM ALSO  
VERY PLEASED THAT SEVERAL OF OUR HIGH  
SCHOOL RECIPIENTS WILL BE GOING ON TO  
COLLEGE THIS SEPTEMBER.

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I HOPE ALL OF YOU WILL JOIN ME IN  
A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND  
TRIBUTE TO THESE YOUNGSTERS.