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Dear Admiral and Mrs. Wellings:

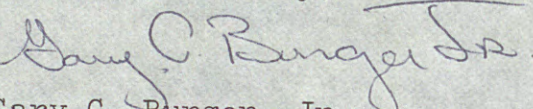
Upon my graduation from the Naval Academy Preparatory School, I was presented with an award for leadership and academic excellence in your honor. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and sincerely thank you for this award, and for being so very supportive of NAPS over the years. I have learned that you are often referred to as the "NAPS ADMIRAL" and this has made me especially proud to be the first recipient of an award that bears your name.

Attending the U.S. Naval Academy has always been a goal of mine, and I would like to thank you for taking part in making this possible by way of your support of the NAPS program. I am a graduate of Utica High School in Utica, Michigan, where I was a member of the National Honor Society, captain of the football and wrestling teams, and on several various clubs. I come from a Navy family that has always been very supportive of me. My father is a Commander in the Naval Reserve and a 1968 graduate of the Naval Academy. I also have a younger brother who hopes to attend the Naval Academy in a few years.

I was very sorry to learn that ill health was the reason you could not attend the NAPS graduation and awards ceremony so that I could personally thank you for all you have done. Receiving the Admiral Wellings Award for leadership and academic excellence has definitely been the highlight of my young career, and I will do my best to live up to honor during my Naval career.

I hope this letter finds you and Mrs. Wellings in fine spirits and good health.

Very respectfully,

  
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