



THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20202

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Ms. Karen Bennett
5041 Sunnyslope Avenue
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Dear Ms. Bennett:

I am writing to congratulate you on being selected as the teacher who has most influenced one of the 2013 U.S. Presidential Scholars.

Each candidate is given the opportunity to name the teacher who has influenced him or her most. This year, U.S. Presidential Scholar Cameron Covell selected you as that teacher. Investing in others' lives is very rewarding while also challenging. Your dedication to America's students is commendable and inspiring.

President Obama has said, "... a good education -- provided with the help of great teachers and mentors -- is about ... instilling in a young person a love of learning and a sense of possibility in their own lives, an understanding of the world around them that will serve them no matter what they do." I hope you are able to take great satisfaction and pride in the choice you made to work in education. I can think of no career that offers a greater opportunity to affect the future.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arne Duncan", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Arne Duncan