

September 22, 2004

The Honorable Thomas Tangretti  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
The Train Station  
105 Station Place  
101 Ehalt Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

Dear Representative Tangretti: *Tom,*

Enclosed please find the Bravo Educational Foundation's scholarship donation of \$15,000.00 for families of Aquinas Academy donated by Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

We thought that with your strong connection to the school you may wish to deliver the check to Sister Brycelyn Eyler, Principal of Aquinas Academy at today's event. The envelope for Sister Brycelyn includes the \$15,000.00 check for the scholarship families of Aquinas Academy.

For your reference, enclosed you will also find a copy of the letter that we have given to the school and also the template of the letter to the scholarship families informing them of their scholarship award.

It was a pleasure working with you and your office staff on this project.

Sincerely,



John O'Connell  
President

*Tom,  
THE LAST LETTER IN THIS PACKET  
IS THE SHELL OF A LETTER WE SEND  
TO THE FAMILIES ON YOUR BEHALF. Hope  
THIS Helps BACK HOME.*



## **AQUINAS ACADEMY**

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FIFTY-TWO YEARS AGO TODAY I STARTED FIRST GRADE AT THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL IN JEANNTTE. THE INTERVEENING YEARS HAVE FADED ANY STRICT DISCIPLINE OR ACADEMIC RIGOR MEMORIES TO JUST FUNNY ANCEDOTES SHARED AMONG MY CLASSMATES WHEN WE MEET. BUT WITHOUT DOUBT THOSE EIGHT YEARS NOT ONLY FORMED THE FOUNDATION OF MY EDUATIONAL EXPERIENCE BUT THE MORAL COMPASS BY WHICH I MEASURE MY DAILY LIFE'S CHALLENGES. AND FOR THOSE PARENTS, SUCH AS MINE, AND THOSE HERE, WHO UNDERSTAND THE VALUE IN A RELIGIOUSLY BASED EDUCATION IT BECOMES IMPORTANT TO ASSURE THAT THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THAT EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE TO THEIR CHILDREN.

THAT IS WHY I AM VERY HAPPY THAT THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSLVANIA HAS CREATED THE EDUCATION INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW THE EITC ALLOWS BUSINESSES TO INVEST IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EDUCATION

ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND IN RETURN RECEIVE GENEROUS TAX CREDITS FROM THEIR PENNSYLVANIA BUSINESS TAXES. THIS IS A WONDERFUL PROGRAM CREATED UNDER THE RIDGE ADMINISTRATION AND EMBRACED BY GOVERNOR RENDELL. UNDER THE LATEST RENDELL BUDGET THERE IS \$30 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR SUCH TAX CREDIT DONATIONS.

TODAY OF COURSE, WE ARE HERE TO RECOGNIZE THE BRAVO EDUCATION FOUNDATION, THE CONDUIT FOR THESE INVESTMENTS, SUCH AS THE ONE THAT ENTERPRISE RENT-CAR COPORTION HAS MADE TO AQUINAS ACADEMY.

THE BRAVO EDUCATION FOUNDATION TO DATE HAS RAISED \$2.9 MILLION SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE PROGRAM, WORKING WITH MANY BUSINESS ENTITIES, DISTRIBUTING SCHOLARSHIP MONEY TO SCHOOLS IN 25 COUNTIES. THEY HAVE HELPED COUNTLESS FAMILIES WITH THEIR EFFORTS.

ADDITONALLY, WE ARE HERE TO RECOGNIZE THE ENTERPRIZE RENT-A-CARE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO QUALITY EDUCATION, AN UNDERSTANDING THE NEED OF EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES.

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- >> 16 THINGS THAT IT TOOK ME OVER 50 YEARS TO LEARN:
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- >>by Dave Barry , Nationally Syndicated Columnist
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- >>1. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative  
>>on the same night.
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- >>2. If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race  
>>has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word  
>>would be "meetings."
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- >>3. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."
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- >>4. People who want to share their religious views with you almost never  
>>want you to share yours with them.
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- >>5. You should not confuse your career with your life.
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- >>6. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
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- >>7. Never lick a steak knife.
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- >>8. The most destructive force in the universe is gossip.
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- >>9. You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling  
>>reason why we observe daylight savings time.
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- >>10. You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely  
>>suggests that you think she's pregnant unless you can see an actual  
>>baby emerging from her at that moment.
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- >>11. There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to  
>>make a big deal about your birthday. That time is age eleven.
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- >>12. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age,  
>>gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep



- >>down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers.
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- >>13. A person, who is nice to you, but rude to a waiter, is not a nice
- >>person. (This is very important. Pay attention. It never fails.) TRUE!
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- >>14. Your friends love you anyway.
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- >>15. Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that a lone amateur
- >>built the Ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic.
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- >>16. Thought for the day: Men are like fine wine.. They start out as
- >>grapes, and it's up to the women to stomp the crap out of them until
- >>they turn into something acceptable to have dinner with.
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- >>FINAL THOUGHT FOR THE DAY There is more money being spent on breast
- >>implants and Viagra than on Alzheimer's research. This means that by
- >>2030, there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs and
- >>huge erections and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them
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THEY ARE TO BE COMMENDED AND I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK MR. NETTLES, REPRESENTING ENTERPRIZE HERE TODAY.

FINALLY, LET ME SAY THAT AQUINAS ACADEMY IS TRULY A BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE ADMINSTRATORS AND FACULTY ARE FOLLOWING THE LONG ESTABLISHED TRADITION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION PRINCIPLES THAT NURTURES SPIRTUAL AND ACADEMIC NEEDS OF its STUDENTS. KEEP UP THE VERY GOOD WORK YOU DO.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING THE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICAPATE IN THIS EVENT.