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Dear Mr. Rolfe:

As the Outreach Manager for Financial Aid Programs for the State of Michigan Bureau of Student Financial Services, I travel in excess of 3,000 miles a month. I have an opportunity to participate in many conferences and visit and speak to thousands of students and their parents each year.

In June 2008, I attended a Foster Care Youth Conference at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. The keynote speaker was a man named Jack Rolfe who was teaching the students how to "Learn to School Your Toughest Opponent". I was in awe as several hundred students as well as myself were moved and touched by this dynamic speaker. It was for me what Oprah would refer to as an "aha" moment as I was taught how to Achieve Straight A's in the School of Life.

I will never forget how one of the foster care youth came over and asked me if I thought it was possible for them to go over and talk to the speaker. I assured the young lady that I was certain that it would be no problem at all and urged her to go and ask her questions. Mr. Rolfe had stepped out of the auditorium for a moment but his daughter was there and engaged the student until her father returned. I will never forget the compassion and caring that Mr. Rolfe and his daughter provided for this young lady as long as I live. It was an amazing thing to watch.

He then came over to my table and asked me what I do and I shared with him how I do outreach and help kids find money to go to college. I then dared to ask him if it would be possible for him to share with me one of the precious *Learn to "School" Your Toughest Opponent* booklets that he had shared with the foster care youth.

That meeting with Jack was life changing for me. I learned so much from him in such a short amount of time that it was mind boggling. I work with a group of students in Detroit Public Schools who are Wade McCree Scholars and I asked Jack if he would be willing to come and speak to them and their parents. He agreed to come at no expense to the School District; and the kids and their families are still talking about his presentation.

I was working with some young men and women who are enrolled in a fire cadet program and asked Jack if the foundation could share some booklets for me to use with these young people. I went through all of the A's with these cadets and they said it was the most inspirational part of their summer program.

Although, by no means, was I as good as Jack, I have incorporated what I learned from him into everything that I do when I am trying to impact on the lives of children and their families. I even share the A's with my colleagues as an important lesson to learn and incorporate into what we do. This program really makes a difference.

Bravo, to the School of Life Foundation and Jack and Lexie Rolfe for what you do. Believe me when I tell you that you are truly a national treasure. Thanks so much for all you do. In addition, I have made new friends for life.

Sincerely Yours,

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