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To: Thomas, Jennifer C.
Subject: Thanks for all you do

Hi Professor Thomas,

This is Pam, Alexis Porter's mom. I have been meaning to write to you since we met at the awards ceremony a day or so before graduation last year. I just want to thank you for bringing out of Alexis what was planted inside of her. You were able to see her potential, increase her confidence and develop her talent such that she was able to deliver an excellent final broadcast.

What you do matters. You make a significant difference in the lives of your students by giving them hope, expanding their awareness and understanding of the world and preparing and positioning them for global success. Thank you for what you do.

By the way, you invited Lynn Pitts to speak to your class during Alexis' senior year. Lynne and I used to work together at CBS. She was a senior producer and I was a segment producer. So not only did Alexis have Yolanda McCutchen as a professor several years after she interned for me at CBS but Alexis also got to hear from and connect with Lynn. The older we get the smaller the world gets.

Lastly, and it may already be too late for this one... one of the advantages Howard has relative to broadcasting is its broadcast license. My unsolicited two cent recommendation is that Howard not sell it. That possibility was mentioned as a potential option by one of the heads of the program (don't remember his name) during the awards ceremony. Once its sold, Howard would be hard pressed to afford to re-purchase it and would then run the risk, depending on the plans of the owner and the specifics of the agreement, of losing its key differentiator. Leasing it may be a less risky but equally lucrative option. Of course, sole ownership is best but that may not help the financial situation. Just felt the need to express my uniformed and unsolicited concern.

Enjoy the summer and may God continue to use you mightily!

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