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Dear Dan:

I am genuinely pleased to inform you that you have been named as the Fall 1999 winner of the J. Patrick White Scholarship. Named in honor of a former member of the Department of History, the award goes each semester to the secondary teacher certification candidate judged by his/her peers and by NIU faculty as having the greatest potential for making a difference in the classroom. Professor White established the scholarship when he retired from NIU in 1993 and by doing so reinforced his long-standing belief in the importance of effective classroom instruction.

I have enjoyed watching you progress through the certification program, and I believe your classmates' decision to recognize you with this award is something you fully deserve. This semester in the teaching methods course you revealed what I have suspected for quite some time - that in terms of passion and introspection you have few equals. At the same time, you showed the ability to blend these significant personality traits with a thorough understanding of the necessity of effective planning. The combination makes for a complete package, and I look forward to seeing how that package plays out both in student teaching and in your eventual career as an educator.

The amount of the scholarship, thanks to Professor White's continuing contributions to the originally established fund, grows every year. For the Fall 1999 semester, the award will consist of \$750. A check in that amount will be given to you when the student teaching class gets together for the first time on August 16, 1999.

Congratulations, again, Dan. Good people sometimes do finish first.

Respectfully,

Bruce E. Field, PhD
Associate Professor of History and
Secondary Teacher Certification Coordinator, History/Social Science