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Chief Wilma Mankiller Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma PO Box 948 Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465

Dear Chief Mankiller:

Thank you so much for your thoughtful and insightful words at the Wells College Commencement. We very much appreciated your taking the time to come; certainly it turned out to be a much more difficult trip than anticipated. That you persevered meant a great deal to our students. It was an important milestone for them and your willingness to share in it is gratifying.

Your luncheon with area Native Americans and two members of our local AISES group was also a highpoint. Ramona Cornell, a Wells student and member of AISES, told me later that all her life you have been her hero and role model. She felt strongly that being at that lunch, surrounded by native people and the shared wisdom and culture of the group, was a profound moment in her life. Thank you for making that possible for her. We hope that you will return to Wells so that our other students may also share in this experience.

If you will return the airline tickets from Adams Travel I will be happy to turn them in for a full refund. Once completed, I will send a check in the amount of \$1,000 to you.

Once again thank you for inspiring words. It was an honor to meet you and to have you visit Wells College.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Correll Executive Assistant

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