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Alan Bell Memorial Award  
Sophia Bell  
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Dear Sophia Bell & Family,

I am honored to be the recipient of Alan Bell Memorial Award this year. After the ceremony last Monday, I could not stop smiling. To receive this award was such an unbelievable experience for me, I could not be more grateful.

Since the award ceremony last week, I have taken the time to browse Alan's Legacy website in order to learn about the person who I reminded you, your family and your friends about. After reading every page, I was shocked that I could be placed on such a prestigious level. Alan really was everything I've heard about him. He was an amazing person, although I am sure the website does not do him justice. It was exciting to me to read letters written to him and by him. It gave me insight into a man that, unfortunately, I will never be able to meet. I am more than honored to remind your family of him, that's an incredible feeling I could not get from anywhere else. I have been suffering a similar situation this year as your family has since Alan passed. I can imagine how exciting it is to meet someone similar to the person you lost, although no one will ever take their place. I know that if I met a person that reminded me of my father I would be elated, so I am flattered to be that person for your family.

I am attending Penn State University in the fall and I have intentions of majoring in elementary education. I knew college was expensive but I never thought I would have to change my college plans due to the inability to afford it. I am so thankful for any help given to my family and me. My number one concern is my mother and with the help of your award I can lift some financial burden off her shoulders. If it weren't for you and other generous donors, Penn State would not be an option in my future. Thank you again for your generous award, it will help steer my focus towards my education.

As I said before, I cannot stop smiling when I think about receiving this award. I am so delighted to be this year's recipient of the Alan Bell Memorial Award. I will forever remember your generosity and think of you and your family always.

  
Julie Wojciechowicz