



January 1, 2016

Mr. Cecil Pruitt  
The Pruitt Foundation, Inc.  
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Chantilly, Virginia 20151

Dear ~~Mr. Pruitt,~~ *Cecil*

I am writing on behalf of Emerging Scholars (ES) to acknowledge and thank you for your generous donation of \$15,000.00 in July of 2015. ES is 100% privately funded, so your contribution is invaluable to our organization and we are grateful for your belief in the power and importance of our mission.

As you are no doubt aware, the high school graduation rate for students from low-income backgrounds is abysmally low; furthermore, a 2015 Pell Institute study determined that only 9% of students from low-income families will graduate from college. Recognizing that education is integral to improving the lives of these students and society as a whole, ES is working diligently to change this statistic. ES is an affirmation that potential for academic excellence exists on every economic level- as the 100% high school graduation rate and impressive college acceptances of our oldest Cohorts have confirmed!

Our first four Cohorts of Scholars have graduated high school and are fully engaged in the college experience, many enrolled in prestigious institutions and having earned competitive scholarships. Scholars Academy graduates at all grade levels are performing in the top 10% among their peers, and, with over 190 graduates, our much-needed Scholars Advancement Program has been instrumental in helping us to mentor and track our Scholars throughout their academic journey. Donors like you are vital to sustaining and expanding the efforts of Emerging Scholars and we sincerely appreciate your support. We will continue to keep you informed of our progress and the exceptional achievements of these remarkable students.

Thank you, again, for your generosity, which has surely changed the lives of these bright, dedicated young scholars. I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful holiday and I look forward to working with you in 2016!

With warm regards,

*Ruth*  
Ruth Hazel Little  
Executive Director  
Emerging Scholars

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*Just wanted to be sure that you have this letter!! I really do appreciate that ES can depend on you - you do make difference to so many!*  
*Ruth*