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November 19, 2004

Dear Fellow Phi Beta Kappa Member:

I am happy to address you as the Association's new president and would like to thank you in advance for your 2004-2005 membership dues and contributions. Now, more than ever, your continued support of our great cause, in heart and deed, is appreciated and needed. As I write this, we are busy planning next year's Annual Scholastic Awards Banquet and are working hard to foster the Association's long-term prosperity. Here are brief highlights about what the Association has been doing and what is on the agenda for the near future:

Membership Drive 2004-2005

The Association recently reported its paid membership at 257, an increase by almost 40 from the previous year. Our members have generously increased contributions from nearly \$8,000 three years ago to nearly \$21,000 for this past year. Current Patrons, Benefactors, and Kontributors, to whom we owe a special thanks, are listed at the end of this letter.

Save the date for the 2005 Scholastic Awards Banquet!

The 2005 banquet will be held Sunday afternoon, April 10, 2005. More specific information will be e-mailed to members in early 2005.

At each year's banquet, the Cleveland Association of Phi Beta Kappa honors outstanding seniors from over 120 Northeast Ohio high schools with a Phi Beta Kappa Award. Schools select one graduating senior from the top ten percent of the class who demonstrates qualities of academic honesty, inquiry into scholarship matters beyond assignments and requirements, a creative involvement in scholarship, and a great interest in things of the mind. Emphasis is placed on students who contribute to the "intellectual environment" of their community. Extracurricular activities are taken into account as well. Winners and their families, teachers, and counselors are invited to join us at the banquet.

I am also thrilled to announce that, due to a very generous and substantial pledge from Cleveland philanthropist and fellow Trustee Sam Miller, we will be able to return to fully-funding the cost of student-invited teachers and counselors and to defray nearly all of the remaining costs of

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student and parent attendance. Thank you again, Sam! Sam Miller will also be our banquet speaker in April.

Last Year's Banquet

Last year's banquet at Landerhaven featured our very own Trustee Jenny Brown, who gave a memorable and inspirational address to the Award winners and their guests. We also awarded two scholarships at the banquet:

- A \$1,000 scholarship, renewable for four years, to Jessica Oslund from Euclid High School. Jessica is now attending Case Western Reserve University. (The three previous winners, from St. Ignatius, Cleveland Heights High School, and Bedford High School, are now attending the University of Notre Dame, Pomona College, and Case Western Reserve University, respectively, and continue to receive this scholarship.)
- A \$500 PBK 1-year scholarship, funded by the Jones Day Foundation, to Katie Uszak from Avon Lake High School. Katie wrote an impressive essay on the aims of education. We again wish Katie well at Boston University. (The first winner of this scholarship, from Gilmour Academy, was headed to Princeton University.)

Thank you again for your support.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John L. Sinatra, Jr.", enclosed within a circular flourish.

John L. Sinatra, Jr.

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The *Cleveland Association* has no paid employees but, rather, depends on the time and effort contributed by its Trustees. The Association's costs consist largely of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in obtaining membership contributions and in funding the annual banquet.

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