



## Cornell University

David J. Skorton  
*President*

April 1, 2015

Dr. Dominique Padurano  
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Dear Dr. Padurano:

It is my pleasure to inform you that Devon McMahon, one of Cornell University's most outstanding seniors in the Class of 2015, has selected you as the secondary teacher who has made the most significant contribution to his education. Devon was chosen as a Merrill Presidential Scholar by his dean on the basis of scholastic achievement, strong leadership ability, and demonstrated potential for contributing to society.

We are deeply grateful to you for your care, devotion, and skill in preparing Devon for Cornell. In recognition of the enduring partnership that educators share in the pursuit of academic excellence, I invite you to be our guest for three events at Cornell University on May 19 and 20, 2015.

First, on the evening of Tuesday, May 19, there will be a welcoming reception and dinner for the secondary teachers. On the morning of May 20 there will be a panel presentation followed by a discussion session for our honored teachers and some members of the Cornell faculty. Following the panel and discussion session, there will be a convocation luncheon attended by the deans of our seven undergraduate colleges and selected faculty members to honor this year's Merrill Presidential Scholars.

Vice President Susan H. Murphy and her staff will be handling all of the arrangements for the convocation, including transportation and hotel accommodations; your transportation and hotel expenses will be covered by the university. Would you please let Christine Forester (607-255-1115/caf68@cornell.edu) know by April 17, at the latest, whether you will be our guest for this opportunity to honor Cornell's most outstanding students?

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Skorton".

David J. Skorton

cc: Kent Lovering Hubbell, Robert W. and Elizabeth C. Staley Dean of Students  
Susan H. Murphy, Vice President for Student and Academic Services