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January 23, 2006

The Honorable Jari Askins  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard 303-B  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Representative Askins:

You are invited to attend a brief announcement and luncheon concerning a major gift to Cameron University from the McCasland Foundation. This event will be held at the Cameron University-Duncan campus at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2006. This special event will be followed by a luncheon in the Wayne and Marie Holden Learning Resource Center. Please join us to recognize and celebrate this significant gift from the McCasland Foundation.

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Sincerely,

  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
711 SW D Avenue, Suite 201  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73501


Dear Congressman Cole:

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The Honorable Joe Dorman  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard  
Room 536  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105


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The Honorable Al Hinshaw  
Post Office Box 969  
Duncan, Oklahoma 73534

Dear Mayor Hinshaw:

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January 20, 2006

Dr. Todd Bridges  
Bridges Family Dentistry  
2928 N. W. Cache Road  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73505

Dear Dr. *Todd* Bridges:

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January 20, 2006

Provost Emeritus Terral McKellips  
825 N. W. 44th Street  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73505

Dear Dr. *Terral* McKellips:

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCasland, Jr.  
1308 McCasland Parkwy  
Duncan, Oklahoma 73533

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McCasland:

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Mr. Albert Johnson, Sr.  
118 N. E. Bell Drive  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73507


Dear Mr. Johnson:

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Dr. Jim Lambert  
725 N. W. 46<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73503

Dear Dr. Lambert:

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January 11, 2006

Mr. Chris Meyers  
15 N. W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lawton, OK 73505

Dear Mr. Meyers:

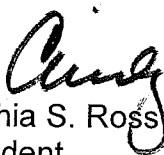
I would like thank you for your assistance and participation in the press announcement of receipt of the B. H. and Flora Brewer trust gift to Cameron University.

As you stated at the press announcement, "They were lifelong educators in every sense of the word. They truly believed in the magic and power of education to change and improve people's lives. They believed in it so much they literally gave everything they had." This dedication and love for Cameron and the students at Cameron were reflected in their years of service, and in their commitment to education with the largest single estate gift from an individual in the history of the university.

This support helps make it possible for Cameron University to provide students with the best educational opportunities available. Our students would miss a great deal if it were not for the gifts such as this.

Again, thank you for your service to Cameron University and your assistance in bringing receipt of this gift to fruition.

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*Thank you!*

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January 10, 2006

President Emeritus Don Davis  
600 N. E. 15th  
Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Dear Dr. Davis:

I would like to thank you for your assistance in the receipt of the B. H. and Flora Brewer trust gift to Cameron University. Your attendance was missed at the press announcement, and I hope all is well with your family.

You captured the essence of the contribution when you stated, "The most enduring memory of Burney and Flora Brewer was their dedication as educators in rural Oklahoma." This dedication and love for Cameron and the students at Cameron were reflected in their years of service, and in their commitment to education with the largest single estate gift from an individual in the history of the university.


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*Don. p.l.s. stay in touch.*  


March 5, 2009

Oklahoma Heritage Association and  
Gaylord-Pickens Museum  
Oklahoma Hall of Fame Selection Committee  
1400 Classen Drive  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106

Dear Selection Committee:

It is my distinct honor and privilege to nominate Albert Johnson Sr. for induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. Mr. Johnson's contributions to the state of Oklahoma are singularly unique and profound. His contributions have forever changed this great state. Few Oklahomans have changed lives by changing hearts. Few Oklahomans have changed the future of so many individual citizens – the unnamed Oklahomans. Few Oklahomans have courageously led while others stood by or remained silent. Albert Johnson Sr. is one of these few, extraordinarily rare Oklahomans.

Mr. Johnson is, almost singlehandedly, responsible for the orderly and peaceful integration of one of Oklahoma's most diverse cities. He accomplished this through sheer force of personality, a passion for education, and an unwavering belief in the value of each person – large and small, black and white, educated and not.

Mr. Johnson grew up in a world very different from most of us. He was raised in a segregated society. Attending school in the 1930s and 1940s, Mr. Johnson lived in the city, but was not permitted to share the community. Mr. Johnson was born at Fort Sill in 1927 and attended elementary and secondary school at Douglass School in Lawton – a segregated school. Following graduation from Douglass Senior High School in 1946, he entered Winston-Salem State Teachers College where he completed his baccalaureate degree, later receiving his state teacher certification from Langston University. He continued his education earning his MEd from the University of Oklahoma in 1959.

Mr. Johnson began his remarkable teaching career where his formal education began, at his childhood school, Douglass. Throughout his 44 year career in public education moving upward through various positions including teacher and coach to counselor to principal and finally Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Johnson was a steady hand in a volatile nation. Mr. Johnson speaks softly, but sets clear, high standards. He expects all teachers to find, protect, and nourish the specialness of each child and to care about each child the way he does. Schools should be a

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place where children are cared about and cared for, where they are expected to learn, to do their best, to be respected and respectful, and most of all, to be encouraged to realize their inherent worth.

Mr. Johnson's influence and tireless efforts extended well beyond his work day as he responded to needs he so readily recognized, offering counseling services to parents or transporting disadvantaged friends to community events. Never content with the status quo, within months of his formal retirement, Mr. Johnson spearheaded the organization of an after school tutoring program sponsored by a local church, volunteering his services on a daily basis. Active in numerous organizations such as the Lawton Chamber of Commerce, the NAACP, Drug Busters of Southwest Oklahoma, Marie Detty Youth Services Board, Southwestern Medical Center Board, State Arts Council, and Kids Across America, he often organized the very committees on which he served.

Mr. Johnson's efforts have been recognized with countless local and state honors. In the late 1980s, he was selected as one of only eight individuals in the state to receive the Oklahoma School Public Relations Association Partners in Excellence Award. To name only a few others, he has been honored with the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Youth Mentor Award, the Toastmasters International Communication and Leadership Award, the Black Beaver Council Boy Scouts of America Century Member, the Cameron Campus Ministry Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award, the Lawton Campaign Leadership Award, and the Oklahoma Task Force on Minority Aging Betsy D. Smith Award.

A true indicator of his value and service to the state of Oklahoma, in 1991 Governor David Walters appointed Mr. Johnson to the State Board of Education. Serving in that capacity, he also became an influential member of the Oklahoma Alcohol, Drug Abuse Prevention Committee and the Life Skills Education Advisory Committee.

Finally, there is a unique consistency about Mr. Johnson – always a leader – strong and steady; always dependable, yet always unassuming. Mr. Johnson has changed countless lives – he has given hope, opportunity, and encouragement where there was none. If life is measured by contributions and accomplishments, then Albert Johnson Sr. is an Oklahoman to be lauded. If life is measured by unequalled goodwill and compassion, then Albert Johnson Sr. is an Oklahoman to be treasured.

I encourage your strongest consideration of Albert Johnson Sr. for induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Cynthia S. Ross  
President

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