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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1992
 SUBJECT: THE ROSE GARDEN

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April 21, 1992

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*
FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*
SUBJECT: ACADEMIC DECATHLON

On Thursday, April 23, in the Rose Garden, you will address approximately 200 people -- most of them members of winning teams in this year's national Academic Decathlon. Also in attendance will be program organizers and corporate sponsors.

Your remarks (8 minutes, cards) congratulate the students (note: the 1st place high school is from Houston) and set their accomplishment in the wider perspective of your goals for educational excellence.

(Hinchliffe/Nix)
April 21, 1992 1 p.m.
DECATHLON Draft Three

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ACADEMIC DECATHLON CHAMPIONS
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1992 11:15 AM
ROSE GARDEN**

A warm Rose Garden welcome to our newest American heroes, the 1992 Academic Decathlon champs -- the team from J. Frank Dobie High in Houston. What a terrific feat for my hometown team -- the highest score in the history of the competition. I'm proud to welcome you. I hear you all wore "Rose Garden or Bust" pins at the national competition. They obviously work -- can I borrow one for my re-election?

Congratulations also to our silver and bronze medalists from Mountain View High in Mesa, Arizona and Whitney Young Magnet High in Chicago; our regional winners from New Jersey, Alabama, Ohio, Nebraska, California; our small school winner from Wisconsin; and our 10 overall student winners. Though I hear when you were told your idol was going to speak to you today, one of you said: "You mean Alex Trebek will be there?" Special good luck to those who'll represent us at the first International Academic Decathlon in a couple of weeks. Okay, since you're the star decathletes, tell me -- who is going to win at Barcelona, Dan or Dave?

You've all done something remarkable. This year's contest began with more than 30,000 students at 3,500 high schools coast to coast -- now it's just you. Not only did you work all year to conquer Environmental Science and a range of ten categories: you survived the blizzard of 25,000 pieces of test paper in Boise.

I was impressed by your Habitat Earth Super Quiz questions

like: "In a molecule of methane, the carbon atom is at the center of what"? \\ For you in the press, the answer is: "a tetrahedron with four s-p-three bonds."

That was easy. Not! Actually, pretty tough. But I know a category I could enter: computers. For the past year, I've been learning how to work one. I even wrote my first program a while ago. Wonder whatever happened with it. Called it "Michelangelo."

You kids here today represent every team member from across the country -- I want to tell you and them what all of you have done for America. You've shown that great things can be achieved by commitment -- perseverance -- hard work -- and teamwork.

I salute you; and I envy you. You've found the sheer joy of learning, of understanding the world. One day a scientist will discover the cure for cancer, and AIDS. Others will find new ways to feed the hungry. And there will be new writers whose wisdom will touch lives. Right now, those men and women are kids in our classrooms -- or maybe even here in the Rose Garden.

[Remember: study hard, and one day one of you might grow up to be President. But let's face it -- even then you'll never make as much money as your dog. Millie used to just roll over on the grass, now all she rolls over is her money market account.]

You've shown your peers that it's as exciting to root for an academic team as an athletic one. You've shown it takes skill, stamina and intensity to achieve in the classroom as well as in the stadium. And you've given them a priceless gift -- the belief in their ability to reach out and shape their own lives.

There's a new century coming -- one with unlimited horizons. We must make sure all our children enter this new world equipped with the skills that will let them dream dreams and know they can make them come true. One of the things that impresses me most about this decathlon is that each team is made up of A, B, and C students. What a great lesson -- what matters is, simply, that each kid be the best that he or she can be. As George Patton said: "If a man has done his best, what else is there?"

We don't want the moon for our kids. We want something more important -- a future. So, one year ago I unveiled "America 2000," our long-range strategy to achieve the national education goals. It's a challenge posed to each of us in communities throughout America to reinvent American education. It urges us to reach deep within to find answers: so our kids can reach for the stars. Changing our attitudes about education is too important to wait -- or waste -- a generation.

To be competitive in a changing world, we must realize that to succeed economically at home we must lead economically abroad. Open markets and free trade mean jobs for American workers and economic growth for American companies. But we must be prepared to compete -- ready to take advantage of these high-tech opportunities in the global marketplace.

We know our economic health -- our economic survival -- depend on how we educate ourselves to face the challenges of a new century. So we've set six goals for us to reach by the year 2000 -- when today's 3rd and 4th graders will be in the Academic

Decathlon. By then: our kids will start school ready to learn -
- our high school graduation rate will be 90% -- our students
will be achieving world class standards -- we will be 1st in the
world in science and math -- every adult will be literate --and
every American school must be safe, disciplined and drug-free.

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demands commitment from everyone as we create a new generation of
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creative partnerships among parents, teachers, businesses and
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decathlon; and the local and national corporate partnerships that
fund it. By the way, I want to give special note to the
corporate representatives with us today, whose leadership and
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At the heart of it are you kids -- a "New Kind of Campus Hero" with the good values you learn from disciplined determination -- from a sharp mind that's not wasted on drugs -- and from the confidence and pride that come from proving yourself. You will help our "America 2000" dream come true.

For a great example of this, we don't have to look further than D.C.'s Rhondee Johnson, a junior at Benjamin Banneker High, who won this year's Kristen Caperton Award for Inspiration and Courage. Rhondee's lived with the tragedy of violence. When her aunt was killed, her four children came to live with Rhondee's family, making 8-year-old Rhondee the oldest of nine kids in a single parent household. Rhondee takes on a parent's duties and still manages a 4.0 average. In her speech she told how her life was shattered by "the rippling effect of drugs and violence." But she ended with the lesson of hope shown by her mother's selflessness, saying "we have truly witnessed love in its finest sense."

Rhondee is an inspiration -- accepting responsibilities and challenges and still striving to excel. She and all these kids give a 1990s example of how Abraham Lincoln defined his own life when he said: "I do the very best I know how -- the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing so until the end."

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And when one of you bright kids solves the puzzle of who created Michelangelo, just remember -- my name is Dana Carvey.

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(Hinchliffe/Nix)
April 22, 1992 3 p.m.
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Thank you all -- welcome, Deputy Education Secretary David Kearns; the President and Board of Directors of the U.S. Academic Decathlon; all the outstanding corporate sponsors; the students up here representing our top three teams, Danny Ramirez, Chris Roorda [RUR-duh] and Greg Rudnick; -- and most of all, a warm Rose Garden welcome to our newest American heroes, the 1992 Academic Decathlon champs -- the team from J. Frank Dobie [DOUGH-bee] High in Houston. \\

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SECRETARY DAVID KEARNS; THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE U.S. ACADEMIC DECATHLON; ALL THE OUTSTANDING CORPORATE SPONSORS; THE STUDENTS UP HERE REPRESENTING OUR TOP THREE TEAMS, DANNY RAMIREZ, CHRIS ROORDA [RUR-DUH] AND GREG RUDNICK; -- AND MOST OF ALL, A WARM ROSE GARDEN WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST AMERICAN HEROES, THE 1992 ACADEMIC DECATHLON CHAMPS -- THE TEAM FROM J. FRANK DOBIE [DOUGH-BEE] HIGH IN HOUSTON. \ \

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WHAT A TERRIFIC FEAT FOR MY HOMETOWN TEAM -- THE HIGHEST SCORE IN THE HISTORY OF THE COMPETITION. I'M PROUD TO WELCOME YOU. I HEAR YOU WORE "ROSE GARDEN OR BUST" PINS AT THE NATIONAL COMPETITION. THEY OBVIOUSLY WORK -- MAYBE I CAN BORROW ONE FOR THE FALL? \ \ \

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO OUR SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALISTS FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH IN MESA, ARIZONA AND WHITNEY YOUNG MAGNET HIGH IN CHICAGO \\ -- OUR REGIONAL WINNERS FROM NEW JERSEY, ALABAMA, OHIO, NEBRASKA, CALIFORNIA \\ -- OUR SMALL SCHOOL WINNER FROM WISCONSIN \\ -- AND OUR 10 INDIVIDUAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS -- 9 FROM OUR TOP THREE WINNING SCHOOLS, AND MIT ROBERTSON FROM TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI. \\ \\

[THOUGH I HEAR WHEN ALL YOU KIDS WERE TOLD THAT YOUR IDOL WAS GOING TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY, ONE OF YOU SAID -- "YOU MEAN ALEX TREBEK [TRAH-BECK] WILL BE THERE?"] \\ \\

AND I WANT TO SEND SPECIAL GOOD LUCK WISHES TO THOSE WHO'LL REPRESENT US AT THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC DECATHLON IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS.

[OKAY, SINCE YOU'RE THE STAR DECATHLETES, TELL ME -- WHO IS GOING TO WIN AT BARCELONA, DAN OR DAVE?] \\\

YOU'VE ALL DONE SOMETHING REMARKABLE. THIS YEAR'S CONTEST BEGAN WITH MORE THAN 30,000 STUDENTS AT 3,500 HIGH SCHOOLS COAST TO COAST -- NOW IT'S JUST YOU. NOT ONLY DID YOU WORK ALL YEAR TO CONQUER ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND A RANGE OF TEN CATEGORIES -- YOU ALSO SURVIVED THE BLIZZARD OF 25,000 PIECES OF TEST PAPER IN BOISE.

I WAS IMPRESSED BY YOUR HABITAT EARTH SUPER QUIZ QUESTIONS LIKE: "IN A MOLECULE OF METHANE, THE CARBON ATOM IS AT THE CENTER OF WHAT"? \\\ FOR YOU IN THE PRESS, THE ANSWER IS: "A TETRAHEDRON [TET-RA-HEE-DRON] WITH FOUR S-P-THREE BONDS." \\\

THAT WAS EASY. \\\ NOT! \\\ ACTUALLY, PRETTY TOUGH. \\\

BUT I KNOW A CATEGORY I COULD ENTER -- COMPUTERS. FOR THE PAST YEAR, I'VE BEEN LEARNING HOW TO WORK ONE.

I EVEN WROTE MY FIRST PROGRAM A WHILE AGO. WONDER
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO IT. CALLED IT "MICHELANGELO."

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YOU KIDS HERE TODAY REPRESENT EVERY TEAM MEMBER
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I SALUTE YOU -- AND I ENVY YOU. YOU'VE FOUND THE
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WORLD.

ONE DAY A SCIENTIST WILL DISCOVER THE CURE FOR
CANCER, AND AIDS. OTHER PEOPLE WILL FIND NEW WAYS TO
FEED THE HUNGRY. AND THERE WILL BE WRITERS WHOSE
WISDOM WILL TOUCH LIVES. RIGHT NOW, THOSE MEN AND
WOMEN ARE KIDS IN OUR CLASSROOMS -- OR MAYBE EVEN HERE
IN THE ROSE GARDEN.

[REMEMBER -- STUDY HARD, AND ONE DAY ONE OF YOU MIGHT GROW UP TO BE PRESIDENT. BUT LET'S FACE IT -- EVEN THEN YOU'LL NEVER MAKE AS MUCH MONEY AS YOUR DOG. \\ MILLIE USED TO JUST ROLL OVER ON THE GRASS, NOW ALL SHE ROLLS OVER IS HER MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT.] \\ \\

YOU'VE SHOWN YOUR PEERS THAT IT'S AS EXCITING TO ROOT FOR AN ACADEMIC TEAM AS FOR AN ATHLETIC ONE.

YOU'VE SHOWN THAT IT TAKES SKILL, STAMINA AND INTENSITY TO ACHIEVE IN THE CLASSROOM -- AS WELL AS IN THE STADIUM. AND YOU'VE GIVEN THEM A PRICELESS GIFT -- THE BELIEF IN THEIR ABILITY TO REACH OUT AND SHAPE THEIR OWN LIVES. \\ \\

THERE'S A NEW CENTURY COMING -- ONE WITH UNLIMITED HORIZONS.

WE MUST MAKE SURE ALL OUR CHILDREN ENTER THIS NEW WORLD EQUIPPED WITH THE SKILLS THAT WILL LET THEM DREAM DREAMS AND KNOW THEY CAN MAKE THEM COME TRUE.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IMPRESSES ME MOST ABOUT THIS DECATHLON IS THAT EACH TEAM IS MADE UP OF A, B, AND C STUDENTS. WHAT A GREAT LESSON -- WHAT MATTERS IS, SIMPLY, THAT EACH KID BE THE BEST THAT HE OR SHE CAN BE. AS GEORGE PATTON SAID: "IF A MAN HAS DONE HIS BEST, WHAT ELSE IS THERE?" \\\

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IT'S A CHALLENGE POSED TO EACH OF US IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT AMERICA TO REINVENT AMERICAN EDUCATION.

IT URGES US TO REACH DEEP WITHIN TO FIND ANSWERS -- SO OUR KIDS CAN REACH FOR THE STARS. \\\

CHANGING OUR ATTITUDES ABOUT EDUCATION IS TOO IMPORTANT TO WAIT -- OR WASTE -- A GENERATION. \

TO BE COMPETITIVE IN A CHANGING WORLD, WE MUST REALIZE THAT TO SUCCEED ECONOMICALLY AT HOME WE MUST LEAD ECONOMICALLY ABROAD. OPEN MARKETS AND FREE TRADE MEAN JOBS FOR AMERICAN WORKERS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR AMERICAN COMPANIES. BUT WE MUST BE PREPARED TO COMPETE -- READY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE HIGH-TECH OPPORTUNITIES IN THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE.

WE KNOW OUR ECONOMIC HEALTH -- OUR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL -- DEPEND ON HOW WE EDUCATE OURSELVES TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF A NEW CENTURY. SO WE'VE SET SIX EDUCATION GOALS FOR US TO REACH BY THE YEAR 2000 -- WHEN TODAY'S THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON.

BY THEN -- AND YOU ALL KNOW THESE GOALS: OUR KIDS WILL START SCHOOL READY TO LEARN \\ -- OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE WILL BE 90% \\ -- OUR STUDENTS WILL BE ACHIEVING WORLD CLASS STANDARDS \\ -- WE WILL BE FIRST IN THE WORLD IN SCIENCE AND MATH \\ -- EVERY ADULT WILL BE LITERATE \\ -- AND EVERY AMERICAN SCHOOL MUST BE SAFE, DISCIPLINED AND DRUG-FREE. \\\

YOU WILL HELP US MEET THOSE CHALLENGES. REAL EXCELLENCE DEMANDS COMMITMENT FROM EVERYONE AS WE CREATE A NEW GENERATION OF AMERICAN SCHOOLS.

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IT DEMANDS NEW CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS AMONG PARENTS, TEACHERS, BUSINESSES AND KIDS -- LIKE THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT THAT ENCOURAGES THIS DECATHLON; AND THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS THAT FUND IT.

BY THE WAY, I WANT TO GIVE SPECIAL NOTE TO THE CORPORATE SPONSORS WITH US TODAY, WHOSE LEADERSHIP AND VISION MAKE THIS DECATHLON POSSIBLE. THIS BOND BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND INDIVIDUAL IS THE KEYSTONE OF THE AMERICAN SPIRIT. \\

THE COUNTRY NEEDS TO FOLLOW THIS DECATHLON'S EXAMPLE IN ALL THESE AREAS, BECAUSE FOR OUR FUTURE EVERY CITIZEN MUST NOW HELP EVERY COMMUNITY DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION. ALREADY 43 STATES AND OVER 1,000 COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL AND HAVE JOINED AMERICA 2000. TOGETHER, WE ARE REINVENTING AMERICAN EDUCATION NEIGHBORHOOD BY NEIGHBORHOOD, COMMUNITY BY COMMUNITY, ALL ACROSS THIS COUNTRY. \\

AT THE HEART OF IT ARE YOU KIDS -- A "NEW KIND OF CAMPUS HERO" WITH THE GOOD VALUES YOU LEARN FROM DISCIPLINED DETERMINATION -- FROM A SHARP MIND THAT'S NOT WASTED ON DRUGS --AND FROM THE CONFIDENCE AND PRIDE THAT COME FROM PROVING YOURSELF. YOU WILL HELP OUR "AMERICA 2000" DREAM COME TRUE. \\
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RHONDEE'S LIVED WITH THE TRAGEDY OF VIOLENCE. WHEN HER AUNT WAS KILLED, HER FOUR CHILDREN CAME TO LIVE WITH RHONDEE'S FAMILY, MAKING 8-YEAR-OLD RHONDEE THE OLDEST OF NINE KIDS IN A SINGLE PARENT HOUSEHOLD. RHONDEE TAKES ON A PARENT'S DUTIES AND STILL MANAGES A 4.0 AVERAGE.

RHONDEE IS AN INSPIRATION -- ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITIES AND CHALLENGES AND STILL STRIVING TO EXCEL.

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RESPONSE: *See Education comments. Thanks.
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Assistant to the President
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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*
SUBJECT: Academic Decathlon Champions Speech

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft speech to the Academic Decathlon Champions. The speech flows well and highlights an inspiring example of educational excellence in Rhondee Johnson.

My understanding is that the Executive Order noted in the placeholder at the bottom of page 2 is not yet through clearance. Therefore, I would suggest not including a reference to it at this time.

In addition to several line edits on the attached copy, there are a few suggestions which might strengthen the speech.

Page 2, line 5

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Page 3, line 11-12

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Page 4, line 1

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

4/17/92

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ACADEMIC DECATHLON CHAMPIONS

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1992

SUBJECT: _____ ROSE GARDEN

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RESPONSE:

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April 17, 1992 10 a.m.
DECATHLON Draft Two

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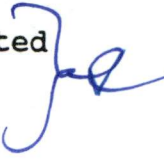
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I want to salute the President and the Board of Directors of the U.S. Academic Decathlon -- all of them -- thank particularly all of the corporate sponsors who make so much of this possible. And also single out Danny Ramirez, Chris Roorda, and Greg Rudnick, standing up here with me today; salute the coaches and the friends. And most of all, a warm Rose Garden welcome to our newest American champs, newest American heroes, if you will -- the 1992 Academic Decathlon Champs, the team from J. Frank Dobie High in, yes, you guessed it, Houston, Texas. Now, where are they? Stand up. (Applause.) And they've got a good front-row seat, too. Thank you, guys, and welcome.

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And so one year ago, I unveiled America 2000, our long-range strategy to achieve our six national education goals. And it's a challenge posed to each of us in communities throughout America to literally reinvent American education. It urges us to reach deep within ourselves to find answers so that our kids can reach for the stars.

Changing our attitudes about education is too important to wait or waste a generation. To be competitive in this changing world, we must realize that we succeed economically at home; if we're to do that, we must lead economically abroad. Open markets, free trade, they mean jobs for American workers and economic growth for American companies. But we must be prepared to compete, ready to take advantage of these high-tech opportunities in the global marketplace.

We know our economic health, our economic survival, depend on how we educate ourselves to face the challenges of a new century. So we've set these six education goals to reach by the year 2000 -- when today's third and fourth graders will be taking part in this event, this Academic Decathlon by then -- and you all know these goals.

One of them, the first one: Our kids will start school ready to learn. That's more than Head Start. Head Start's a part of that. Our high school graduation rate must be 90 percent. The third

one: Our students will be achieving world-class standards. And then fourth: We'll be first in the world in science and math, a particularly important one. And then the fifth one: Every adult will be literate. No one is too old to learn. And sixth: Every American school must be safe, must be disciplined, must be drug-free. In other words, an environment where people can learn.

You will help us meet those challenges. Real excellence demands commitment from everyone as we create a new generation of American schools that demands more of the same choices of schools -- public, private or religious -- for middle class and poor Americans that wealthier families already have. Give them a chance to choose. It demands new creative partnership among parents, teachers, businesses and kids like the community involvement that encourages this Decathlon and the local and national corporate partnerships that fund it.

And by the way, I want to give a special note to the corporate sponsors with us today, whose leadership and vision make this Decathlon possible. This bond, really -- I referred to it earlier -- but this bond between industry and the individual is the keystone of the American spirit. The country needs to follow this decathlon's example in all these areas because for our future every citizen must now help every community develop a plan of action.

All ready 43 states and over 1,000 communities across this country have answered the call and have joined America 2000. This isn't Democrat or Republican or Liberal or Conservative. It is literally a move to revolutionize education. And together we are reinventing American education, neighborhood by neighborhood, community by community all across this country. And at the heart of it are you students, you kids, a new kind of campus hero. With the good values you learn from discipline determination. From a sharp mind that is not wasted on drugs and from the confidence and pride that comes from proving yourselves. And you will help this America 2000 dream come true.

For a great example of this we don't have to look further than a woman who is not with us today, D.C.'s Rhondee Johnson, a junior at Benjamin Banneker High who just won the National Academic Decathlon's Kristen Caperton Award for Inspiration and Courage. She takes her school responsibilities so seriously that she's helping her team at a track meet right now instead of joining us. And we all hope she wins the blue ribbon, but she's certainly winning it in life with her example.

Rhondee's lived with the tragedy of violence. When her aunt was killed, her four children came to live with Rhondee's family, making eight year-old Rhondee the oldest of nine kids in a single-parent household. She takes on a parent's duties and she still manages a 4.0 average. She is an inspiration, accepting responsibilities and challenges and still striving to excel.

She and all of you give a 1990's example of how Abraham Lincoln defined his own life when he said, "I do the very best I know how, the very best I can. And I mean to keep on doing so until the end."

I am proud of the message all of you winning decathletes send, that personal dedication, effort and teamwork lead to success. And when one of you bright young people solve the problem of who created "Michelangelo," just remember -- my name is Dana Carvey.

Thank you all very much for coming. Congratulations, and may God bless you all. (Applause.)

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