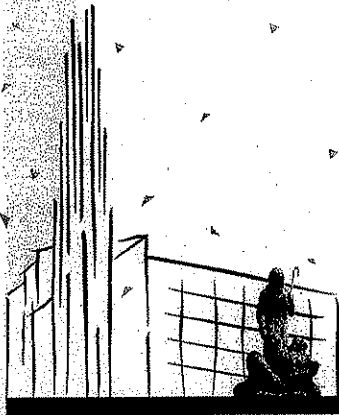


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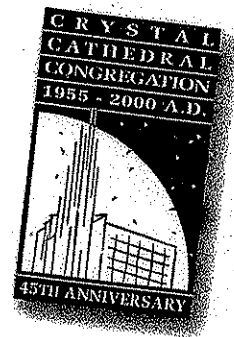
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January 11, 2001

Doug Luffborough  
1272 Pinnacle Peak Drive  
Chula Vista, California 91915



Dear Doug,

Thank you so much for being with us on the Hour of Power. Your visit with us was wonderful! Your testimony touched and inspired so many people.

As you may know, the Hour of Power reaches over 10 million people worldwide weekly. I pray that you receive a positive response from all around the world.

Enclosed you will find two videotape copies of your Hour of Power appearance so that you may have a small remembrance of your visit with us.

May God continue to bless you, your family, in all you do.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Penner  
Director of Programming  
Hour of Power

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ROBERT SCHULLER

January 9, 2001

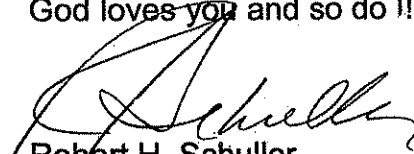
Dear Doug,

This is just a brief note to thank you for being our interview guest on the *Hour of Power* and for sharing your very timely story. I understand from my son, Robert Anthony, everything went very well.

I'm so sorry I didn't have an opportunity to meet you personally, but I am sure your message will greatly impact many lives when the program is aired globally to our millions of viewers.

We send our best wishes for great success and may God continue to use you in a very special way and bless you greatly.

God loves you and so do I!



Robert H. Schuller

Mr. Doug Luffborough  
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Human Development and Psychology

February 9, 2000

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Douglas Luffborough. I have been very impressed with his intelligence and creativity, and encouraged him to continue his graduate education. I recommend him very highly to your program.

Douglas's performance in my class has been exemplary. He was an active participant in class discussions, often relating current research to the hands-on problems faced by teachers. Both his exams and papers showed a sophisticated understanding of complex research issues in achievement motivation. In his comments in class as well as in his written work, Douglas showed his ability to integrate the work of various scholars in the field and to apply these ideas to practical classroom problems. Most importantly, does not accept at face value research findings, but rather is a very critical consumer of research and theory.

In addition, Douglas is a delight to work with. He was very well respected by both his peers and teachers at HGSE. He takes criticism very well, viewing it as an opportunity to increase his skills.

I have spoken to Douglas at length about his decision to pursue graduate work, and feel that this is the next logical step in his professional development. In making this career choice, Douglas has shown the maturity and goal-directedness that is important for advanced graduate study.

Douglas compares most favorably to the brightest students I have taught in the Masters program at Harvard. I have no doubt that he will be an asset to your program and to the field.

Sincerely,

*Janine Bempechat*

Janine Bempechat, Ed.D.  
 Assistant Professor

JB/df

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1996

Douglas Luffborough  
12 Highland Street  
Natick, Massachusetts 01760

Dear Doug:

I just heard about your mother's illness and wanted to say I'm keeping you both in my thoughts and prayers. I have such fond memories of our meeting here and, of course, your terrific speech at Northeastern's commencement.

If I'm ever in your neighborhood, please come see me.

Sincerely,

*Bill Clinton*



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February 27, 1995

Douglas Luffborough  
12 Highland Street  
Natick, MA 01760

Dear Doug:

As I have been sifting through the evaluations of the Student Leadership Conference this past Saturday, it is clear to me that for a large majority of the participants, your keynote address (and the accompanying video) was the highlight of the conference. Your enthusiasm, determination, and heartfelt expression of your life views proved to be quite an inspiration for all of us who were in attendance.

I appreciate your taking the time to come and join us on Saturday. I am certain that the staff here will be having more conversation about when we can have you come back. Additionally, Michael has expressed his interest in encouraging you to come here for graduate school. Let me state here that I think that would be a terrific idea! UMASS has many good programs and places where you could fit in, not the least of which would be in Housing Services.

Thank you for your time and for sharing your story. I wish you much success as you continue in your journey and as you tell your story to others. I hope we get the chance to meet up again.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Ederer  
Area Director  
Housing Services

c: Michael Gilbert

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October 10, 1994

Mr. Douglas E. Luffborough, III  
12 Highland Street  
Natick, Massachusetts 01760

Dear Doug,

I cannot thank you enough for sharing your incredible story with all of us at Pine Street Inn and at the dedication ceremony for Paving the Way Home on Sunday. It is not every day that we hear of someone overcoming the obstacles brought on by poverty and homelessness.

Unfortunately it is too often the case that for one reason or another many of our guests have grown up poor and ended up living in shelters for many years. Your story of attaining your dream of going to college and even meeting the President of the United States serves as a source of inspiration and hope for many of the men and women who stay at the Inn.

Your brick, engraved with the inscription "ELSA L. MENSAH" in honor of your mother will be installed in the same area where we had the ceremony next spring.

We have been extremely fortunate to have you and John Hancock supporting our Campaign. Thank you again and best wishes.

Yours,



Richard E. Ring  
Executive Director

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May 16, 1994

Mr. Douglas Luffborough, III  
59 Village Brook Lane, #1  
Natick, MA 01760

Dear Douglas:

On behalf of the CHOICE Planning Committee, I would like to thank you for the inspiring speech you gave to the Worcester area students on May 11th. There is no doubt in my mind that you certainly touched the students who attended and have positively impacted a decision to pursue education as a part of their future goal. You certainly touched me when I heard you speak at the Northeastern Commencement and, again, you were willing to share so much of yourself with the group of people who attended the CHOICE Program at Quinsigamond.

I was disappointed that the Worcester Public School students had to leave and were not able to hear the end of your speech and, in particular, your rendition of the Banana Boat Song.

It was a pleasure having you here at Quinsigamond Community College. You certainly added so much to the message we were trying to communicate.

Best of luck in your future endeavors. You certainly have a great deal to offer.

Sincerely,

Ann R. Carroll  
Associate Dean of Student Affairs

ARC/lcg





June 22, 1993

Mr. Douglas Luffborough III  
10 Speer Place  
# 322  
Boston, MA 02775

Good Morning!

Doug, in my life I have three types of moments:

- o moment of misery - when a situation does not meet my expectation
- o moment of truth - when a situation meets my expectation
- o moment of magic - when a situation exceeds my expectation

I want you to know you provided me (and I would bet 14,000 others) with a moment of magic on Saturday, June 19, 1993, when you both sang and spoke your thoughts relative to your journey to Northeastern, the experience you enjoyed while at the university, and your challenge to yourself and to your fellow graduates regarding taking charge of your respective futures.

In my opinion, the two most critical ingredients you identified were: (1) family is sacred - the recognition you showered on your Mom was richly deserved and well expressed and (2) your thoughts on having a positive, proactive attitude where you stated:

- I can
- I will
- I did

You can and should feel very, very proud of your accomplishments. I want to tell you that I am very proud of you, and offer you my warmest congratulations and sincere best wishes for much success with all of your future challenges and opportunities.

Cordially,

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Chief Quality Officer  
and President

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# John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library

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December 8, 1993

Mr. Douglas E. Luffborough III  
95 Gainsborough Street  
Boston, MA 02155

Dear Douglas:

Thank you so much for sending me the copy of the speech you gave here last week at the Kennedy Library. I was in the audience that day, and I can assure you the young people gave you their total attention.

I was also in the audience Graduation Day at Northeastern. Everyone then was also captivated, and strained to get a view of your mother when she was pointed out to the crowd.

I will keep your speech here as part of my permanent files. It's an understatement to say again what a fine young man you are. Your mother is fortunate to have you as a son, just as it was your good fortune to be born to her.

I hope you will meet my son, Chris, some day. Like you, he is doing very well, having quickly obtained his dream job as a graphic designer at Starter Sportswear Company in New Haven.

Meanwhile, I wish you all my best for continued success. You're on your way, and I salute you. It was an honor to have you at the Kennedy Library.

Yours truly,

Susan K. O'Brien  
Education Department



Office of the Dean  
College of Business Administration

June 22, 1993

Mr. Douglas Luffborough  
50 Leon Street, #1016  
Boston, MA 02115

Dear Doug:

Now that Commencement is over, I would like to acknowledge your superb presentation. Your comments were cogent and delivered in a very professional manner. I know of few people who could have done so well in such a highly charged setting. You are a credit to the College, and I consider ourselves fortunate to count you as one of our alumni. Your continuing success will never surprise me, but it will surely please me.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'David'.

David P. Boyd, Dean

DPB:jf



ROBERT SCHULLER

June 17, 1993

Dear Douglas:

I was so impressed with the recent feature article on you, in USA Today, about sharing the podium with President Clinton as co-speaker at Northeastern University's graduation.

I always love hearing about real "Possibility Thinkers," and you fit that description perfectly! I applaud you for your determination and perseverance! You are setting new standards for excellence and you are an inspiration to all of us!

I just wanted to write and send my very best wishes for great success and achievement in the years ahead. Keep on being the best!

With admiration and esteem,

Robert H. Schuller

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