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Dear Rick and Robert:

On behalf of the UNO Department of Accounting, I want to thank you for the Attorney CPA Foundation's recent 2010 contribution of \$7,500 for the Robert W. Scharar Mentoring Program and for the UNO John S. Ellett, II Society Award. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by me and the Department of Accounting and by the students who will benefit from these contributions. The new award in memory of Dr. Ellett is a wonderful way to remember him. I enjoyed seeing you and visiting with you at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Accounting Awards banquet on March 12.

We, of course, are always concerned about recruiting and retaining the best students possible and helping them as much as possible. Students from our Department have performed well on the CPA exam and many have gone on to very successful careers. Our ability to offer assistance and scholarships to recruit and retain quality students is dependent upon the generosity of individuals, firms, or organizations.

UNO enrollment this Spring semester is about 11,000 students, still only about 70% of pre-Katrina enrollment, but a few hundred above the previous academic year. However, the enrollment in Accounting and Business is over 80% of pre-Katrina enrollment. The facilities on campus are in good shape, and we hope more students will attend UNO as housing in the area improves.

Best wishes--

Sincerely,

Philip J. Harmelink  
Chairman and Ernst & Young Professor of Accounting

NOTE: The University of New Orleans has provided no goods or services to the donor in consideration for this contribution. (IRS rules require that this statement be part of our acknowledgement of your contribution.)

*Rick - Thank you very much for your very generous continuing support. Best wishes for good health and take care of yourself.*

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