

It has been an experience which is morally beneficial for our group and equally so for us.

There is no words capable of describing the emotional impact felt by us during the award ceremony. The presentation of the scholarships was really marvelous.

We thank you with great respect and gratitude.

Respectfully,
Monica Nigro*
Annarita Bancone*

* They shared one scholarship grant.

Cerignola, Italy
Mr. Richard Muscatello

Dear Mr Mucatello:

My name is Elena Calice. I attended the last year of the classical school in Cerignola and am one of the five prize winners of the awards given by the 484th Bomb Group Association.

I thank you sincerely as a member of the 484th Bomb Group Association for this important reward given to me.

This grant wasn't for me only a simple appreciation of my diligence, but also to remember events that American bombers (soldiers and airmen) lived through (experienced) in the last world conflict.

I read about historical events at school on handbook pages, instead you lived them. Your witness is for me a source of reflection and a moment of growth on human and cultural levels.

In this period when all values seem to lose their real importance, the presence of the Bomb Group Association is a symbol of moral significance. Thanks not only for the grant but also the message that you send me.

I'll try, notwithstanding my limitations, to be worthy of the honor you show me, now and in the future. I will always keep those values without which any society makes no sense.

Thank you again.

Most affectionately,
Elena Calice

Cerignola, Italy
484th Bomb Group
Association

Dear Sirs:

I am Dalila Frisani, one of the five students who received on 16, March the Memorial Scholarships which you assign every year to youth from Cerignola.



Elena Calice



Dalia Frisani

Thank you for all you have done over the years for our town, very different from the village of your memories.

Thank you for reminding us, both young and adults of Cerignola that there are ideals in life which men should never forget, because they really give sense to our existence and that war, not withstanding its deaths and destruction can be the occasion for birth of year long friendships among soldiers and with people of another country.

It is a big honor for my four fellow students and me that you have considered my schoolmates as a means to remember your soldiers and that you trust in the youth to confirm your ideals.

We students from Cerignola hope to deserve the trust you have in us and to be the proof that time can wipe out everything as it goes by, it can not take away good feeling in man's heart.

Our grandfathers remember what you did for them during the war and they are very proud of having known such courageous and generous men.

So it is not a simple thanks that I give you, but is the voice of all Cerignola who express their gratefulness. Loyalty, courage, friendship: this is the message which we get from you and we want to continue.

Thank you again,
Dalila Frisani

PS It would make me really happy to receive a letter from you and to know your feelings about Cerignola and about the time you spent here.

Italy
Dear Mr Muscatello:

When I heard that I was a winner of a scholarship from U.S.A. I couldn't believe it. I was asking myself, why do they help sons of people that once were the enemy?

Then I knew about the veterans' gratitude to inhabitants of Cerignola. This gratitude is reciprocal of course! Through American forces they have been rescued from oppression.

On the day of the prize giving, a marvelous ceremony was organized with some teachers and with the representatives from Italy and of the 484th Bomb Group Association, Mr. Umberto Albanese who handed the parchment and the allowance over to us.

At the end of the ceremony, Mr. Albanese said to us that this prize isn't to be considered a goal, but a stage of our study.

I hope to live up to your expectations.

Your grateful,
Loris Genovese



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