

## 1998 Scholarship Report

The 484th Bomb Group Association gave scholarship awards of \$600.00 each to six Italian students living in the Cerignola area, near the old airbase in Toretta, Italy. They are: Donatella Dambra, Maria Bonavita, Ivana Chieti, Caterina Muolo, Antonella Gallo, Rosaria Parisi. An honors certificate from the 484th Bomb Group (in place of a monetary award) was presented to Immacolata Calice, a highly qualified student, whose sister had been a previous awardee. Professor Albanese once again was able to select these highly qualified students with high grade point averages. Their letters follow this report. The ceremony took place on 11 May, 1998, in the Library of the City of Cerignola, Italy, there were 100 in attendance as well as the six awardees, the staff, teachers and the participants in the ceremony, Attorney Tortora Raffaele from the University "La Sapienza" of Rome, Judge of the Supreme Court of Cassazione, Teodato Labia, from the office of Public Education, Rossella Rinaldi, and, of course, Professor Umberto Albanese.

Once again, one award of \$1,000 together with a Scholarship Award Certificate, was made to a Harvard, Nebraska Public School student, Stephanie Colvin, at the graduation ceremony at the school in Harvard, Nebraska, on May 9, 1998. One of the Scholarship Awards Requirements was the Career Goal Essay submitted by Miss Colvin which was very impressive and indicated her leadership skills and high motivation to attain her goal.



The students selected for the 1998 annual scholarship award that took place in Cerignola earlier this year shown with Professor Umberto Albanese.

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### Rosaria Parisi

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To: Bud Markel

I am so happy and excited to correspond with you as the recipient of the scholarship award that will help me not only materially but above all gives me the incentive to always to do my best and to appreciate that this comes from people that I do not know. I know that this letter should be written in the English language, but I feel much more secure writing in the Italian language. As I would like very much to travel, I would like to come to the United States one day in order to thank personal all of the people who showed their belief in my ability and helped me to further my education.



Excuse the lateness of this letter and thank you for the award and for reinforcing the bonds between our two people, Italians and Americans.

Thanks. Rosaria Parisi

### Maria Grazia Bonavita

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Dear friends

Since a few days ago, I didn't know this scholarship for students of secondary school in my town; certainly a beautiful and interesting initiative.

I feel a great joy because of this marvelous gift. At once I have esteemed this recognition as a prize to my commitment which I try always to keep constant and diligent.

I have not enough words to tell you how glad I am. Thank you.

Sincerely, Maria Grazia Bonavita



### Antonella Gallo

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Bud Markel

484th Bomb Group Association,  
I thank you for the assignation of the scholarship, as you know, on the eleventh of May. I want you to know what an important moment of my life this is, which has stimulated my scholastic endeavors. The money which I have received will be used only for scholastic needs. I wish to study at the University "La Sapienza" in Rome. I want to thank you for your trust in the selection of my teacher, Umberto Albanese, a dear man.

Yours faithfully,  
Antonella Gallo

