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Katelin Oliver  
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Dear Katelin,

I'm delighted to congratulate you as the winner of the 2009 Marilyn Prince Award! Enclosed is your award check for \$500.

Emily and I judged the applications and agreed yours was the very best, among several strong entries. We acknowledged our own happy memories from the Alta-Dutch Flat School and made an effort to remove bias from our evaluation of the applications.

We liked your descriptions of both your work with the entire classroom and with your individual student. We were also happy to see you coached basketball at the school; that was my favorite sport, and I have the knee scars from that playground to prove it.

One thing particularly important to me was your teaching critical evaluation of election websites, to determine their content accuracy and approach. Media literacy, content evaluation, and critical thinking skills are increasingly important, and both Emily and I agree you can't start too early to teach those skills.

I've sent out a press release about the award, copy enclosed, and have also posted information on our website, at [www.prince-ricker.net/marilyn-prince-award.htm](http://www.prince-ricker.net/marilyn-prince-award.htm). You'll see I removed Josey's name from your application information.

Thanks very much for applying for the award, and for your hard work over the past year. I'm really looking forward to our lunch in August. If you have a favorite restaurant, please suggest it. Otherwise, we'll find some nice spot.

Sincerely,

Susan Prince

Cc: Prince family members