

Dear

Perhaps the single greatest accomplishment that any Scout in Venturing can achieve is earning the Summit Award. Today, as our nation's newest recipient of the Summit Award, we are honored to be one of the first to congratulate you on this landmark achievement in your Scouting career, and in your life. You are joining an elite group of individuals who have done what few can. You should be very proud, and rest assured in knowing the amazing impact you leave on Scouting, your community, and our world. We give you our warmest congratulations for this remarkable accomplishment and offer our advice as you continue to push forward, for your journey is just beginning.

Due to your resiliency, you have achieved the highest rank Venturing has to offer. However, you must always remember that your new position is not just one of honor, but of responsibility. To everyone around you, whether a Venturer or not, you are now the face of the program. You are the image of what every young Venturer hopes to become, and the representative to all those who are not involved in the program. By earning the Summit Award, you assume a solemn obligation to do your duty to God, to your country, and to your fellow Scouts. The next generation of Venturers starts with you. Earning the Summit Award is not simply something you put on a resume - it's something you live every day for the rest of your life.

Today, you are gathered by friends and family congratulating you on your milestone accomplishment. Few, however, truly understand the hard work and determination it took to get to this point. Throughout life, you will be faced with many challenges. Some that might seem insurmountable. But as a Summit Award recipient, you have no reason to fear. In moments of hardship, call upon your past triumphs. In times when it seems easiest to just give up, remember all those who believe in, and look up to you.

As you continue on the journey, lead a life filled with laughter and selflessness, and joy will come your way. Be humble, trust in your convictions, and, if nothing else, do a good turn daily. If these lessons from Scouting are a part of your daily life, failure is impossible.

Again, congratulations on your achievement of the Summit Award! As you begin to venture out on your own path, our hearts are full of pride, and our eyes are eager to see where life takes you.

Looking forward to watching you soar,



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