

Following the tragic death of Justin Rascoff in June of 1991 a mere two days before his graduation from this School, his family established a Memorial Fund for faculty. It had been Justin's observation that teachers were often unable, for financial reasons, to do what they really wanted to do over the summer, and the purpose of the Fund's annual grant is to make it possible for a teacher to throw caution to the wind and do something that would otherwise not be possible.

And so, today we award the Justin Rascoff Traveling Summer Fellowship to a teacher who had a profound impact on Justin Rascoff himself. I can specifically recall several occasions on which Justin spoke to me about this teacher's skill, about his ability to kindle a student's interest in a subject Justin, for one, never dreamed he would find interesting, but that is the essence of good teaching. So today we honor a teacher who has had that same impact on numbers of students over the years, and I know Justin Rascoff is feeling very good about this winner, and I hope you will take this check and do great things with it, but first show it to your six-day old daughter and tell her what a good job you do,

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