

February 9, 1956

Dr. J. Will Harris
Box 443
Dilley, Texas

Dear Dr. Harris:

Late yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Rachel Palmer, who is serving as Chairman of the Invitations Committee, brought me the splendid news that you are planning to attend the Inauguration and Founders' Day celebrations. Last night I had the pleasure of announcing your coming at the regular monthly faculty meeting, where the news was enthusiastically received. Your presence will mean so much to all of us who are trying to make the Founders' Day celebration one of outstanding importance for the Polytechnic Institute.

Your coming at this time is particularly auspicious for the institution. We are in the process of finding our roots in the past so that our growth in the future may be sound and broad and effective in every way. There is a great deal that you can help us with, and the fact that you are willing to make this trip, to once again serve the institution is greatly appreciated.

Within a few days you will be hearing about one or two special events that the college would like to sponsor in your honor. The good news that you are coming will spread fast. We are anxious that every opportunity be provided for all your old friends and those who helped you build the institution, to come together and to unite with us in a rededication of our lives to the development of this great institution.

In closing, I want you to know what a great personal sense of happiness and satisfaction I have in the knowledge that you will be with us. Mrs. Bauer and I are looking forward to meeting you again and to having many hours with you. May the Lord bless and strengthen you and all of us in the weeks ahead.

Very sincerely yours,

Ronald C. Bauer,
President

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Dr. J. Will Harris
Box 443
Dilley, Texas

Dear Dr. Harris:

Mrs. Bauer and I wish to express our very great appreciation for the splendid calendar which you sent us. It is very inspirational and I am very glad to have it before me on my desk here at Casa Maria.

Undoubtedly, you have already received our letter in which we expressed our pleasure at your return for Founders' Day and the Inauguration. We are planning a big program in your honor on the evening of March 2nd, and I know that you have hundreds of friends who are looking forward to seeing you.

We shall appreciate very much your sending immediately a list of all of the people who are old friends and supporters of the institution. We want them to see you and we want to meet them. If you can get this list to me immediately, we shall get out personal invitations to all of them.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and, of course, to seeing you in the very near future.

Very sincerely yours,

Ronald C. Bauer,
President

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February 20, 1956

Dr. J. Will Harris
Box 443
Dilley, Texas

Dear Dr. Harris:

Your splendid letter is very much appreciated. The names you suggested have been passed on to Lydia and all of the folks you have named as well as many others will be invited to the special party in your honor on Friday, March 2nd. This will be a great occasion.

Since it was announced that you would return for Founders' Day, a number of your old friends have indicated that they plan to invite you to stay in their homes while you are here. While you are going to be very much in demand, it is my earnest hope that you will plan to spend a little time at least with Mrs. Bauer and me. We would like very much to have you, and although I do not wish to make too great demands upon your time, we are hoping that you can arrange your schedule to stay with us some time. No one could be more welcome than you. We are looking forward to your arrival.

Very sincerely yours,

Ronald C. Bauer
President

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