

Scholarship Report

The 1999 Scholarship award ceremony for six Italian students took place on May 13, 1999, in Cerignola, with over 200 in attendance, including official representatives and dignitaries, as arranged by Professor Umberto Albanese. A very warm tribute was given to members of the 484th Bomb Group. The Italian tour that had been planned to coincide with the Awards Ceremony was cancelled and there were no 484th members present. However, one of our members, Dorothy McGuire, (daughter of Thomas McGuire) travelled to Cerignola on her own, and was there a few days prior to the Awards ceremony. She contacted Professor Albanese and he and his wife, Antonietta, opened their home to her and extended their hospitality to her in every way possible. In our correspondence with him, we acknowledged this act of kindness to Ms McGuire and once again thanked him for all the work and effort he does on behalf of the Association. His response was heartwarming: He considers it a privilege and honor to have been given an honorary membership in the Association. He will never forget the sacrifices and the help that was given by the US during (and after) WWII to his people, and especially by members of the 484th Bomb Group. He further expressed the wish that we print these words: "To ALL members of the Association: MY HOME IS YOUR HOME".

The Association awarded six scholarships to Italian students: Francesco Agostino, Angela Dell'Olio, Anna Borrelli, Daniela Masciave, Angela Massaro and Anna Masticci and one to Brandy Leichleiter, a student from the Harvard Public School System, Harvard, Nebraska. These are the letters from the students receiving the 1999 484th BG scholarships.

Cerignola, Italy

Hello:

My name is Francesco. I am an Italian student and attend the third year of the "Istituto Tecnico Agrario Statale G Pavoncelli." I am 17 and live in Cerignola. In my free time I play football and volleyball, and love sports. My hobbies are: 1) reading scientific books and ones of adventure, and 2) listening to pop music. There are four of us in my family, my father who works as a farmer, my mother, and my brother. We live in the country outside of Cerignola. After graduation I would like to attend Pisa University. I hope to meet the president of your organization. I am very happy to receive your scholarship, and hope I am worthy of it

Yours faithfully,
Francesco Agostino



Cerignola, Italy

Dear Members of the 484th Bomb Group Association: It's wonderful for me to receive a notification of my scholarship award. I want to thank everyone who made this possible. Without looking back, I hope this will be the start of a brilliant school career. I think that these initiatives are very important for every student because they have something new to look for, the chance to improve themselves. This applies not only to studies but also to life. I finally have to say that behind this scholarship there are all of you who believe in me and who have helped me.

Sincere thanks,
Angela Dell'Olio



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