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To: Moore, Teri J - (terim)
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On 10/9/14, 1:08 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

>Are you available during my drive to School Phoenix this afternoon?

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>><jondudas@email.arizona.edu> wrote:

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Attachments: Cosby Commencement.doc; ATT00001.htm; Commencement information.docx; ATT00002.htm

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Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 3:01 PM
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From: "Taczanowsky, Amy L - (amyt1)" <amyt1@email.arizona.edu>
Date: October 15, 2014 at 11:00:53 AM MST
To: "Dudas, Jonathan - (jondudas)" <jondudas@email.arizona.edu>
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Amy

From: Debbie Meister [<mailto:dmeister@billcosby.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 10:53 AM
To: Taczanowsky, Amy L - (amyt1)
Subject: Mr. Cosby

Hi Amy,
Attached please find the biography for Mr. Cosby and some general information on the things he likes when he does a commencement.
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Thank you!
Regards,
Debbie

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Bill Cosby Commencement Bio

William H. Cosby, Jr. was born to William and Anna Cosby on July 12, Germantown Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Calling himself a "late bloomer," he did not realize the value of a formal education until after the first four days of boot camp in the U.S. Navy. Cosby said, "Four years later in May, when I got out of the Navy, I hit the ground running from Norfolk, VA and immediately enrolled at Temple University in Philadelphia."

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He has never stopped realizing the importance of challenging himself. "People always say 'You don't need money, why are you still working?' My answer is that it isn't about money. That's academic. It's about accepting the challenges of one's own ideas, clarifying the unanswered questions and pursuing the excitement of discovery."

"It is always a pleasure to see those fresh faces of the new graduates. It's also fun to notice the relieved smiles of the parents who are wondering, 'Are they going to be all right?' The unanswered questions are now really directed at them."

Mrs. Cosby is equally passionate about the importance of education and she too has attained an Ed.D. Together, they have strived to promote the importance of a good education. They have donated funds to a wide range of universities and delivered commencement addresses to further emphasize the importance of learning.

"Rationem educationis tuae reddere debeas."

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Information for Commencements

Program: William H. Cosby, Jr. Ed.D.

Cap/Hat: 6 ¾ through 7 (23 ½ inches)

School baseball cap with tassels on the grad side (stapled to the left side indicating graduation – with tape over staple so it doesn't scratch head)

Doctorate hood - color

Robes: Height – 6'1"

Color (TBD)

T-Shirt: University T-Shirt

Sweat suit: old fashioned cotton (not the kind that goes swish swish when walk)

XL – school logo (down the side of leg is good)

Not a hoodie

Mountain Valley Spring water in GLASS bottles. If you are unable to find, please let me know.

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I had the same difficulty. Wikipedia (please do not tell students I went there) has a little more about his accomplishments as well as a nice list of schools at which he has received an honorary degree (not sure if that helps). The examples will help, and I will find out more about how we can put together a more comprehensive background. With regard to my last email, sounds like a more comprehensive bio would be a good start. Thanks, Jon

From: <Marx>, Ronald Marx <ronmarx@email.arizona.edu>
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To: Jon Dudas <jondudas@email.arizona.edu>
Subject: Re: Mr. Cosby

This is very casual and not very complete. I will need a bit more about his accomplishments. I just visited his web site and there is a lot there about all of the awards and recognitions. What isn't there, and this is surprising, is his professional accomplishments, just the awards. I am not sure how to get all of that--his TV shows, movies, live performances, etc.

I might be able to put it all together to make it more complete, but it would help if I had just a bit more about his professional work.

I am attaching examples of nominations that came from CoE for honorary degrees.

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, October 24, 2014 at 9:02 PM
To: Ron Marx <ronmarx@email.arizona.edu>
Subject: Re: Confidential

No problem. I will begin working on this and it will remain confidential. Enjoy your weekend!

[REDACTED]
(sent from my iPhone; forgive brevity, spelling, and structure)

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He has, in fact, applied this further education in his professional life. Cosby, being aware of his celebrity status and the demographics of his audience, has always made the importance of education a central message in his televised work, from *Fat Albert* to *The Cosby Show* and *A Different World*. “No series in the history of television ... has ever been more about education,” wrote Dennis A. Williams in *Emerge*. The Huxtable parents consistently reminded their children of the importance of a college education, and the opening credit that listed “William H. Cosby, Jr., Ed.D.” was a powerful reminder of where education could take a person. Both *The Cosby Show* and its spinoff, *A Different World* (set in a fictional black college), made higher education a viable option to thousands of young African Americans. During their run, applications to African American colleges went up dramatically. “You’ve got to figure we made a heck of an impression on people who wanted to go to college,” Cosby told the *Los Angeles Times*.

When asked during an interview with the *Spokesman Review* if he considers himself an educator, Cosby replied “Yes...From the classroom at Temple University to the coffeehouses in Greenwich Village in 1963, all the way through. Everything I have ever done through the TV set has to do with education... I don’t know how many African-American kids who are now in grad school, and maybe 40 years old, who have said, ‘It’s because of that show that I went to college,’ ...Many of these kids say, ‘I didn’t know what college was like, but watching that program, I began to like college.’ ”

Cosby’s philanthropic work has also been for the benefit of education. His generous support of numerous charities, particularly in the field of education, has endowed many Americans with the gift of hope and learning. Most notably, after the death of their son, Ennis, the Cosby family launched a charitable organization called the Hello Friend/Ennis William Cosby Foundation. The organization is focused on promoting the early detection and treatment of dyslexia, a condition that Cosby’s son Ennis had worked to overcome in his own life. “Hello, Friend” was added to the organization's title because this was Ennis's trademark greeting. Cosby also created a series of books for children featuring a character

called Little Bill. The "Little Bill" books highlight children with learning problems and are designed to help parents teach values to their children.

In addition to his charitable work, Cosby has often donated large sums of money to universities, primarily with the intention of offering the money to students who need assistance covering college costs - his goal was not only to help with college tuition costs, but also that students who received the scholarship money would, in turn, agree to teach in underprivileged regions for a few years following college graduation. For these donations, and for the philosophy behind them, Cosby received the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.

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His successes span virtually all media, remarkable accomplishments for a kid who emerged from humble beginnings in a Philly project.

In the 1960s, his stand-up act was a coast-to-coast sensation, spawning a string of hilarious, best-selling comedy albums, which went on to win eight Gold Records, five Platinum records and five Grammy Awards. His role on TV's *I Spy* made him the first African-American to co-star in a dramatic series, breaking television's racial barrier and winning three Emmy Awards. In the 1980s, he again rocked the television world with *The Cosby Show*, a gentle, whimsical and hugely successful series that single-handedly revived the family sitcom (and rescued NBC).

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He has, in fact, applied this further education in his professional life. Cosby, being aware of his celebrity status and the **demographics** of his audience, has always made the importance of education a central message in his televised work, from *Fat Albert* to *The Cosby Show* and *A Different World*. "No series in the history of television ... has ever been more about education," wrote Dennis A. Williams in *Emerge*. The Huxtable parents consistently reminded their children of the importance of a college education, and the opening credit that listed "William H. Cosby, Jr., Ed.D." was a powerful reminder of where education could take a person. Both *The Cosby Show* and its spinoff, *A Different World* (set in a fictional black college), made higher education a viable option to thousands of young African Americans. During their run, applications to African American colleges went up dramatically. "You've got to figure we made a heck of an impression on people who wanted to go to college," Cosby told the *Los Angeles Times*.

When asked during an interview with the Spokesman Review if he considers himself an educator, Cosby replied “Yes...From the classroom at Temple University to the coffeehouses in Greenwich Village in 1963, all the way through. Everything I have ever done through the TV set has to do with education... I don't know how many African-American kids who are now in grad school, and maybe 40 years old, who have said, ‘It's because of that show that I went to college,’...Many of these kids say, ‘I didn't know what college was like, but watching that program, I began to like college.’ ”

Cosby's philanthropic work has also been for the benefit of education. His generous support of numerous charities, particularly in the field of education, has endowed many Americans with the gift of hope and learning. Most notably, after the death of their son, Ennis, the Cosby family launched a charitable organization called the Hello Friend/Ennis William Cosby Foundation. The organization is focused on promoting the early detection and treatment of dyslexia, a condition that Cosby's son Ennis had worked to overcome in his own life. "Hello, Friend" was added to the organization's title because this was Ennis's trademark greeting. Cosby also created a series of books for children featuring a character called Little Bill. The "Little Bill" books highlight children with learning problems and are designed to help parents teach values to their children.

In addition to his charitable work, Cosby has often donated large sums of money to universities, primarily with the intention of offering the money to students who need assistance covering college costs - his goal was not only to help with college tuition costs, but also that students who received the scholarship money would, in turn, agree to teach in underprivileged regions for a few years following college graduation. For these donations, and for the philosophy behind them, Cosby received the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.

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I have a highly confidential task for you to do. The speaker at the spring UA commencement exercises will be Bill Cosby. Because he considers himself an educator (he has a doctorate in education from UMass Amherst), he will likely be able to spend some time during the week before the ceremonies with our graduates and perhaps alums and students.

We would like to present him with an honorary degree as part of these activities. Our challenge is to prepare for the various groups that approve such degrees a document that portrays his life and career, with some emphasis on his contributions to education across the country. I have attached a document that his office sent the the university, but it is not adequate. It needs to say more. It is not some much a resume as a description of his life and times.

To get additional information, could you please visit his web site <http://billcosby.com> and the wikipedia site about him http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Cosby

I have attached a couple letters that we have used in the past to describe people we have given honorary degrees to in the College of Education so you can get the flavor of what a letter might look like. WE should shot for about 2 pages or so.

Needless to say, you must not mention this to anyone. It is highly confidential.

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Bill Cosby Commencement Bio

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“It is always a pleasure to see those fresh faces of the new graduates. It’s also fun to notice the relieved smiles of the parents who are wondering, ‘Are they going to be all right?’ The unanswered questions are now really directed at them.”

Mrs. Cosby is equally passionate about the importance of education and she too has attained an Ed.D. Together, they have strived to promote the importance of a good education. They have donated funds to a wide range of universities and delivered commencement addresses to further emphasize the importance of learning.

“Rationem educationis tuae reddere debeas.”

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