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Dr. David Brown  
Dean  
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Dear David:

I am delighted to join you in proposing Lester Breslow for an honorary degree. I can think of no one who better deserves such recognition. He received his bachelor's, medical, and master's of public health degrees from this University. He has held essentially every important public health post available except Surgeon General. He has been successful in at least three major careers: as a public health officer (including Director of Public Health for California), Professor and Dean of the the UCLA School of Public Health, and distinguished international statesman and scholar in the fields of both public health and cancer epidemiology.

He has been president or chairman of more organizations than most people join, including the American Public Health Association, the International Epidemiological Society, the Association of Schools of Public Health, the Western Consortium for Continuing Education for the Health Professions, numerous National Cancer Institute committees, two Office of Technology Assessment committees, and the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics. He has received honors and medals from the American College of Preventive Medicine, The American Public Health Association, the Society for Prospective Medicine, the University of Michigan, the UCLA Alumni Society, the American Society of Preventive Oncology, and our own University.

He has written milestone works in public health, including a seminal work on the longitudinal study of Alameda County, which introduced many of the concepts of positive health practices and social support as predictors of health; recommendations for preventive practice and lifetime health monitoring; and important works on cancer control. He is generous with his time and his wisdom. He has served on numerous committees, panels, and advisory groups for county, state, national, and international organizations. He is equally generous with his assistance to students and colleagues. The field of public health is populated with his disciples,

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talented young persons who got their start or a boost along the way from him. He has more than made his mark on the world. We are much richer for his having been among us and extremely fortunate to claim him as an alumnus.

It is especially fitting that we recognize him in this way on the Medical School's centennial. I am pleased to be a part of such an effort.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Kane, M.D.  
Dean

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Enclosure



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May 31, 1988

Dr. Les Breslow  
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Washington Avenue SE  
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Well Les, you've done it again! I am heartbroken that I am on the road at this commencement time when you will get your Honorary Doctorate of Science from this your alma mater. We are happy for you and proud of our association with you.

Things go well here but it would have been great to have a talk. We would like to replace Larry Green on the Scientific Advisory Board with somebody having a psychosocial orientation who could help us in this analysis phase. Any ideas?

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.  
Professor and Director

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