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Dear Henry,

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending a copy of your Commencement remarks. It was good to know about the awardees this year. We cherish such information and will try to follow the careers of those selected. Several of them have written us personal notes.

Also, I appreciated your sending the "50-year Annual Report," and read it with interest.

Incidentally, the award fund seems to be growing slowly with contributions from friends and family, and in due course there will be further substantial additions.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Lester Breslow, M.D., M.P.H.
Professor of Public Health
and
Director, UCLA Health Promotion Center

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both documents!*

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P.S. also, I bring you greetings from Suke-tani Tomiyaga ("Tomie") whom I met recently in Nagoya.

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August 20, 1990

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Dear Henry --

I am resurfacing after a lively and productive IEA meeting, our granddaughter's wedding and a host of small activities.

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We are indebted to you and Mike Fay and all of your music masters. What a sensational opening event! It was the beginning of a great week for most of the 700 who assembled and it gave the meeting the correct tone. Thank you so very much.

Drinks - a ball!

While our official photographer did not capture you, I did. I have sent a similar set to Mike Fay.

Great!

Lester joins me in thanks and best wishes for a new academic year of challenge and psychic rewards. We are off on September 13 to China, with 35 or so epidemiologists in tow -- a very rushed tour -- and I'm sure we will catch up with you somewhere in the next year.

Wish it could be along. Henry Blackburn

Best regards to Stacy and yourself,

Drinks

Affectionately,

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Devra Breslow

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**H. Blackburn Comments at the time of the Lester Breslow Award
School of Public Health Commencement
June 9, 1990**

Lester Breslow is a distinguished leader in the public health of this nation and has continued his close relationship to our School and University, as its most honored alumnus. His family has established a fund for the Lester Breslow Scholar Award, given annually to graduating students in the Division of Epidemiology who have demonstrated academic excellence and made significant contributions to health promotion and disease prevention. The recipients of the Lester Breslow Scholar Award for the 1989 academic year are Roberd Bostick, of the epidemiology major and Beth Ziemke Davidann of Community Health Education. Would they join me on the platform, please?

Beth Ziemke Davidann is at the top of her class. For two years she has developed youth health education programs and coordinated their application in a major experimental program in Hopkins, Minnesota schools. Along with colleagues she has developed new methods to evaluate children's eating patterns. Imagine measuring what 8-year olds eat! For her master's project she designed and carried out a study of health needs and concerns among international students of our University and identified their special problems and the barriers to their achieving appropriate health services.

In the view of our School, Beth Davidann is a stellar example of student scholar, productive colleague, and effective advocate for public health research and health promotion.

Dr. Roberd ("Robin") Bostick devotes his life and career to preventive practice as a primary care physician, and to public health research as a student and scholar. He brings his practical health care experience, along with a broad anthropological view, to the study of cancer prevention. He has the idea that the disparity between our modern eating patterns and lifestyle, and the long-term human evolutionary legacy, results in mass susceptibility and high risk of cancer in modern society.

This background and these views have led him to design and secure a grant

to study the experimental effects of dietary calcium on intestinal epithelium as a potential preventive approach to colon hyperplasia and cancer. In the course of this work he has carried out scholarly reviews of the relationship between calcium and cancer as well as calcium and blood pressure and has proposed plausible mechanisms for the physiological effects of calcium.

Robin Bostick's intellectual involvement in primary care also led him to carry out a valuable survey of preventive practices among Minnesota physicians. In this study, in addition to the interesting results, he achieved an unheard-of 92% response rate among physicians because of his particular method of professional contact.

Dr. Bostick combines skills as a practitioner and researcher. He is a remarkable example of physician and scholar in health promotion and disease prevention.

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