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Jill and I are happy to join your family, friends, and teachers in congratulating you for earning the 2024 President's Education Award. This year, you showed your curiosity, persistence, and determination to succeed. I hope you are proud of all you achieved.

I often say that we are at an inflection point in history—a moment where we will answer the questions that define our Nation's future: Who are we? What do we stand for? What do we believe? Who will we be? And I have never been more optimistic about our future because your generation—the most talented, tolerant, and generous generation in American history—will help us answer those questions.

I look forward to seeing the great things you will accomplish in the years ahead. Whatever path you choose, I hope you will keep working hard, keep believing in yourself, and keep remembering that there is nothing you cannot do. Please accept my best wishes for a future filled with happiness and success.

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