

**Dear Ms. McLeary and Members of the Pezzano Scholarship Committee**

Please accept our most sincere thank you in graciously rewarding our daughter, Patricia Pringle, with this year's Pezzano Scholarship. Bowling has been a part of Patricia's life since she was five years old, and writing is her passion.

Although we, as her parents, have seen Patricia blossom into a remarkable young lady, it is rewarding to see others in the community that have also noticed her achievements. Patricia is very athletic and social. She was the child that would come home from grade school with registrations papers for dance, volleyball, gymnastics, and underwater basket weaving lessons in her backpack, and be very put out that we would not let her join all of them. When she reached high school, she was a bit more selective, and channeled her energy into bowling, golf and writing for the high school's literary magazine. One of the highlights of her high school years was when the bowling team took 3rd place at State her junior year, and the school magazine won a prestigious award as well!

Patricia has been on a bowling league for the last 12 years, and hopes to continue that tradition when she moves onto college in the fall. She will be heading off to Illinois State University in just a few weeks to pursue her dream of broadcast journalism. She still is undecided whether she wants to be in front of the camera or behind the scenes of the broadcast; she public speaks even more eloquently than she writes. Hopefully she will use the next four years wisely to figure out which avenue she would like to travel down. While at her freshman orientation this week, she really took a liking to maybe studying abroad. As her parents, we are thrilled that she is open to new things, and willing to jump in headfirst and begin the next journey of her life.

Thank you all again for honoring Patricia with your scholarship. It is a direct reflection of her past achievements, and will certainly make her future endeavors a bit more attainable. Neal and I both are very appreciative of the award and are humbled by your thoughtfulness. Please accept our most heart-felt "thank-you" for your generosity.

**Lynn and Neal Pringle**