

From: Amy Dahl  
To: Cindy Shannon  
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Subject: Dr. Deborah Boroach Discovery Day 2014

Hi, Dr. Shannon. This is a very belated *thank you* for the extraordinary day of learning you organized and hosted back in May for young learners, and more specifically, for our *Covina Valley Unified School District* scholars. I attended the **Dr. Deborah Boroach Discovery Day 2014** with a selection of fifth graders from my old school, *Manzanita Elementary*. Many of them were scholars in my kindergarten classroom years ago, so we were reunited by your program and shared in an adventurous, life-shaping day of learning.

It was so cool to see my kids in your collegiate environment, experiencing being in a college lecture hall, working in state-of-the-art labs and classrooms, and conducting field work out on your grounds and in the nearby conservancy. Our delicious *In-N-Out* lunch was enhanced by the rich conversations of the scholars discussing their futures. This day made college tangible for all the kids who attended; many of my scholars were able to dream and envision careers in science and research.

As for me, my understanding of *Mount San Antonio College* was made more complete. You have a beautiful campus and your facilities are top flight. Junior college is a smart way of pursuing one's academic goals; Dr. Deborah Boroach's life and legacy are proof of this truth.

While months have passed since the event, I felt it necessary to follow-through on my intention to write you. Please know how much the day meant to us. Kindly convey our thanks to your team, contributors, volunteers, and sponsors. You are doing a very good work; Dr. Boroach would be honored and gratified. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, thank you for hosting such an awesome day.

Respectfully,

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Response from Dr. Cindy Shannon, Biology Professor, Mt. SAC

I am not sure if you had a chance to meet Debbie Boroach. She began as a Biology Professor, became Associate Dean of the Natural Sciences Division and finally was Dean of Instruction. She also was a Mt SAC graduate. When she passed away unexpectedly in 2008, I wanted to make an event that would do her memory justice and keep the Mt SAC spirit that she loved. She was an extremely innovative, intelligent and caring person. For the last four years, I have coordinated this event. I have received letters like this in the past but this one that I received today was really heart-warming. Thanks for your time.





