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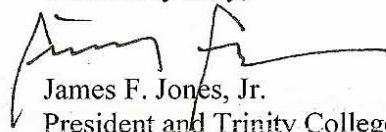
Dear Eric,

Please accept my heartiest congratulations for receiving the 2009 Andrew S. Grove Award from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. It is a joy to see a Trinity alumnus receive such recognition. I am sure that your family, colleagues, friends, and Trinity classmates must be very proud of your accomplishments. I know that Professor Ahlgren was delighted to learn of your achievement.

As the first decade of the new millennium nears its end, I am awestruck to realize how the technology you developed has changed our world in the past ten years. Because of you, doctors can see inside the human body merely by giving their patients a pill, Trinity's students and faculty can engage in live video conferences with fellow scholars around the world, and nearly everyone with a cellular phone can be an amateur videographer. Your work has enabled billions of people to communicate with pictures, transforming our understanding of the world and each other.

Your success has brought distinction to Trinity, and for that, I thank you. I hope that you will be able to visit the campus some time in the near future, and I wish you a joyous holiday season.

Yours very truly,



James F. Jones, Jr.
President and Trinity College
Professor in the Humanities