



Office of the President

January 31, 2009

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

On behalf of Trine University, I am writing to request your support for the University's Fiscal Year 2010 Federal funding initiatives.

As you know, Trine University (formerly known as Tri-State University) has grown to become one of the nation's premier private universities. Ranked among the Midwest's best colleges and universities by U.S. News and World Report (2008, 2009) and the Princeton Review (2009), Trine provides an intimate learning environment for students to engage with our rigorous academic programs, exceptional faculty, and hands-on experiences that prepare them to lead with real-world, skill-based knowledge.

The results are phenomenal. The rate at which Trine students find work related to their majors within six months of graduation—at 95 percent—is among the highest in the country. Our graduates' starting salaries exceed the national average in every category.

Ever-increasing success in preparing students to succeed, lead, and serve positions Trine University to continue bringing the best higher education has to offer to Northeast Indiana and beyond. I would be honored to gain your support in our endeavors to do so.

I greatly appreciate your leadership on behalf of the Trine University community, Angola, Indiana and the Nation. Accordingly, I would like to express our gratitude for the great work you and your staff have performed on our behalf in the past and will again on our behalf in 2009 and beyond.

Please accept this letter as our formal request for your support of the important initiatives attached herein. While we know that the coming year will be difficult and funding tight, your efforts are appreciated and we look forward to sharing your numerous successes on our behalf with the greater Angola community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if we can be of assistance. In addition, please feel free to contact our Washington representative, Jim Richards, at 202-448-9500 or by e-mail at jrichards@cgagroup.com.

With best wishes and highest regards, I am,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Earl D. Brooks II".

Earl Brooks
President
Trine University