

Thank you.

In the ideal world, the model of education embodied by the staff at The Canaan Ridge School would be the benchmark by which all other educational enterprises are measured. As the world is not always ideal, we appreciate even more the leadership and collective efforts you demonstrated during our brief tenure with Canaan Ridge. Every day, with every child, and in every detail, you reinforce the principle that education is really a process of life—not simply a preparation for future life. Your emphasis on the pleasure and enjoyment of being educated is apparent. Thank you for the solid and fertile foundation you have provided for Carter's formal educational.

In preparing Carter to leave Canaan Ridge, we asked him to talk about the special things that he learned from each of you. He became more empowered as the discussion continued and soon announced his plan to give a special "award" to each of you. In the spirit of this commencement season, we indulged his proposal. The citations that follow are a tribute to you and the educational experience you provide at Canaan Ridge. We are grateful for the impact you have had on Carter, and our family.

Amy Wrobel & Bill Trabakino

Carter Liam Trabakino Presents a Medal of Gratitude to Katarina Malagisi

This medal of gratitude is presented to Katarina for teaching me to love art, and appreciate the artist in me.

Jilian Shettler

This medal of gratitude is presented to Julie for teaching me the beat, and for helping me be not-nervous on stage. Also for helping me appreciate good manners and learn etiquette.

Marie LaPenna

This medal of gratitude is presented to Marie for teaching me about everything in a fun way, and for giving me the confidence so I could enjoy learning. Also for getting me excited about all the things I will learn.

Brock Williams

This medal of gratitude is presented to Brock for helping me to love sports and school. And for being the kind of person I want to be when I grow up---a science teacher and a sports coach. Also, for driving me to school, and hanging out with me after school.

Virginia Sarvalon

This medal of gratitude is presented to my headmistress and teacher, Ms. Virginia; for guiding my first three years of school, for teaching me a lot, and for working extra hard to teach me to read. Also for letting me learn at my own pace.

Thank you for three great years.

Carter Liam
Carter Liam Trabakino, C.R.S. '03