



Dean William C. Deeds

*The Morningside College experience cultivates
a passion for life-long learning and a dedication
to ethical leadership and civic responsibility.*

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Dear Student:

The purpose of this letter is to congratulate you for your high academic performance during the Fall Term 2011. I hope you read it since it is longer than the 140 character limit active on Twitter.

There is an ongoing discussion in higher education about whether Twitter is facilitating or decreasing our skills as writers. I am convinced that it does both, but is probably more helpful than not. It certainly encourages one to be clear and succinct, both attributes of good writing.

Whether or not you tweet, I hope you continually work on improving your own writing ability. Your academic performance this past term indicates that you have great potential to do so. Writing is like any other skill; it is developed and improved through practice. Keep up the good work. I also plan to keep working on improving my own writing for Twitter and other venues. Consequently, two tweets to you:

Congratulations, you have earned a spot on the Dean's List for Fall 2011. Your family and friends will be proud of you.

ODK will host a reception in your honor on January 29, 2012 at 2 p.m. in Grace United Methodist Church. Please hold that date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William C. Deeds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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