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## CONGRATULATIONS

### National Frontiers International Convention

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” ~  
Nelson Mandela.*

Congratulations to the Philadelphia Club Frontiers International for hosting the **76<sup>th</sup> Annual National Frontiers International Convention**. I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone in attendance.

This year’s theme, **“Striving for Excellence,”** speaks to your commitment to promoting civic education among urban youth throughout this nation in a manner which has gained your organization the respect and recognition so rightfully deserved.

This occasion offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon your organization’s growth, influence, and significant impact, not only in the lives of so many urban young people, but also within our public school systems, communities, and government entities throughout this nation.

Since its inception, Frontiers International, Inc. continues to provide an outlet and opportunity for men and women of color to collectively give service to their communities through civic and service leadership organizations. For 76 years men and women of color are still providing community service through your organization in more than 30 local clubs around the country. The clubs are grouped into districts based on geographical proximity with varied focus on: mentoring youth in their cities through Adopt A School, hosting annual luncheons to raise funds to provide scholarships for students who plan to attend college in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, and feeding the hungry and clothing those moving from welfare to work.

As a nationally recognized organization, I would like to commend you for your diligence in teaching civic education to youths across this nation. As so stated by Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Conner, **“Reinvigorating the civic mission of public education should be the top priority for anyone concerned about the future health of our government and our society.”** By steady adherence to civic education your organization has become a leader in our community-at-large and serves as a model that is worthy of emulation. We are truly blessed and enriched by your dedication and commitment.

I offer you my best wishes for a memorable convention and continued success with providing valuable education, leadership, and inspiration for urban youths.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent Hughes'.

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