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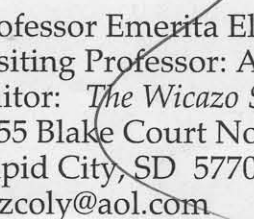
Dear Deana:

I am writing to thank you for a wonderful Friday evening at Cedar Shores and to tell you how much I appreciate being named "writer of the year" by the SD Council of Teachers.

As I mentioned before, writing is done in silence and reading is done in isolation, so when we can get together and share our experiences it is a rare opportunity. Writers are hardly ever noticed unless the work is made into movie, another rare thing...yes? And, teachers do the most significant work for the good of humanity with little attention paid to them unless things go bad. I was so touched by the young lady who was named "teacher of the year" when she accepted her award saying "this is not about me...it's about the kids" She is so right.

Congratulations on a wonderful and successful conference and thank you, again for the award. Please convey my thanks to your membership.

Sincerely,



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