

June 8, 2016

Mr. William Carey
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Dear Mr. Carey,

In my capacity as Borough President, I am pleased and honored to congratulate you on the occasion of your graduation from the College of Staten Island. And on a personal note, I must tell you that your story is truly an inspiration to me, and, I'm sure, to anyone else who hears it.

Not only do we thank you for your service in WWII, but for your 23 years as a member of New York City's Finest.

It speaks to your fitness, character and work ethic that at age 88, you have pursued your interest in history and earned a bachelor's degree; a beautiful example to all of what might be done when you believe that age is just a number, and not a barrier to accomplishment. It also occurs to me that in almost nine decades you have personal memories of many historical events that most of us can only read about.

Mr. Carey, we are proud of you. You are a true role model for our community, and I wish you the best of luck in your pursuit of a Master's Degree -- but in truth, I don't think you need luck.

You have already shown us that you will achieve anything you set out to achieve.

Thank you for your kind attention, and once again, congratulations.

Sincerely,



James S. Oddo
President, Borough of Staten Island

*P.S. If you have the time,
why don't you visit us
one day at Bow Hall*

