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Dear Ben:

I am delighted that the Society of University Surgeons is going to present you the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award. In my opinion, no one is more deserving of this honor than you. I am retired now but I still remember during the younger days, whenever I wanted to do a research project and looked into the background, Ben Eiseman had already "been there and done that."

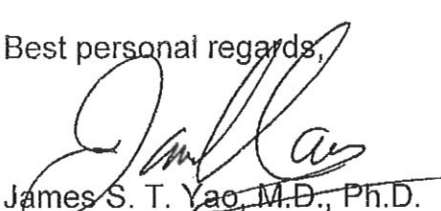
As a vascular surgeon, I am grateful for your discovery of the Gortex graft. Because of your keen observation, Gortex has grown to be a prosthetic graft of choice in many conditions.

Your lectures are always clear, concise, and inspiring. Your talk on *Technology and Vascular Surgery: A Study in Synergism* at Northwestern's Vascular Symposium in 1992 still rings true today.

I am privileged to have known you over the years.

Once again, congratulations to you as a recipient of this distinct honor.

Best personal regards,



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