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Dear Dr. Geddes:

Congratulations to you on being recognized as 2015 Innovator of the Year by *The Daily Record*. You must be pleased that you have chosen for work at the Institute of Fluorescence that "makes the impossible possible and heralds a new frontier for how we live, work, play and give back in the 21st century."

You epitomize the innovative and progressive leadership we advocate in Maryland and thank you for your extraordinary work in our great state. This recognition speaks to the visionary leadership of the institute, as well as the excellence of your staff.

Again, my congratulations on this extraordinary achievement and if I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, my best wishes for continued success in all your endeavors at the Institute of Fluorescence and enjoy the award festivities on October 15th!

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