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Youth Leadership*

2003 California-Central  
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# Motivating Tomorrow's Leaders Today

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*May 30-June 1, 2003*  
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# Welcome HOBY Ambassador. The future is yours!

Spring 2003

CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL AT THE California-Central Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar. You were chosen for the honor of representing your school because of the outstanding leadership potential you have demonstrated. That's why we call you a HOBY "Ambassador." The purpose of your HOBY seminar is to teach you how to think – not what to think. You will get out of life what you put into it, and that certainly applies to your HOBY experience as well. We want to awaken in you that magic genie of self-esteem, which is so important to any success. You were selected to attend HOBY because you are special: Think special, my young friend, and you will always be special.

As we celebrate our 45th anniversary, I fondly remember the first HOBY Leadership Seminar that I put together after founding HOBY in Los Angeles in 1958, and I feel awed and grateful for our tremendous growth and outstanding accomplishments. My sincere thanks to all the super volunteers and contributors who have made it possible. HOBY has impacted over 300,000 "Ambassadors" at our Leadership Seminars and touched countless others through HOBY's "ripple effect." I meet you as young adults when you are 15 and 16. My first HOBY Ambassadors are now 61 years old.

You will make many new friends this weekend. Hang on tight to them – you will have many, many years of meaningful futures to share. You will also realize that a great many volunteers gave many hours of their time and caring to make your HOBY seminar possible. These volunteer speakers, staff and committee members give their hours freely because they believe in the future of America's democracy and recognize that you "outstanding" young people represent our future. All of us hope you will walk away from this HOBY experience with a better understanding and appreciation of your own special leadership skills and how you can make a difference in your community through leadership and service.

I don't have any children of my own, but I've got more than three hundred thousand like you out there that I'm very proud to call my "HOBY family."

So, shine bright my young friend, you are all my tomorrows and the future is yours to live and to give back! Please give back and you will find true joy in your life! I wish you love and Godspeed!

HOBY Hugs,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hugh O'Brian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hugh O'Brian

President, CEO and Founder



THE WHITE HOUSE  
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February 26, 2003

I send greetings to those gathered for the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Development Seminars.

During these times of great consequence, it is critical that our citizens continue to recognize the importance of helping others and contributing to their communities. By helping instill these values in our next generation of leaders, HOBY seminars play an important role in strengthening our Nation.

I commend all those involved for your efforts to encourage young people to reach their full potential, and I applaud the students participating for your leadership and dedication to personal development. America needs your hope, optimism, and energy. By committing to serve others and pursue excellence, you help build a future of peace, prosperity, and progress for all.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes.



May 30, 2003

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU – THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS of 2005 – to beautiful California Lutheran University for the 2003 HOBY California-Central Leadership Seminar.

The three days we spend together will be filled with tremendous opportunities for you to sharpen the leadership ability you have already demonstrated at your school and at home.

During your stay at HOBY, you will become intimately acquainted with 105 other students from a total of nine counties – from the urban San Fernando Valley, to the scenic Central Coast, to the bountiful Central Valley, to the majestic Sierra Nevada. You'll take part in a meaningful volunteer activity, interact with more than 25 leaders from our great state who will share with you their views and experiences on a wide range of topics and let you know how and why America ticks the way it does. And you'll have some fun.

Seize the opportunity while at HOBY to forge a friendship that will endure a lifetime! Expand your horizons by striking up a meaningful conversation with one of our visitors! Learn how to use a Positive Mental Attitude (PMA) to your advantage! Many people have invested their time and talents to make this seminar possible. All we ask in return is that you leave us ready and willing to play a meaningful role in our society.

You represent the future leaders who will create the rewards and opportunities of a new and exciting era. Your HOBY lessons should serve you well as you go about achieving great things in your lifetime.

You are special... and OUTSTANDING! All of us from HOBY congratulate and salute you.

HOBY Hugs,

Lisa Spencer  
"HOBY Mama"

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*Those who seek mentoring will rule the great expanse under heaven,*

*Those who boast that they are greater than others will fall short,*

*Those who are willing to learn from others become greater,*

*Those who are ego-involved will be humbled and made small*

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# Seminar Program



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## Friday, May 30

- 8:00 a.m. Registration @ Mount Clef Parking Lot
- 9:45 a.m. Ambassador Orientation @ Preus-Brandt Forum
- 10:45 a.m. Group Photo @ Gumby
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch and Individual Group Pictures @ Peppergrove Lawn
- 12:45 p.m. Keynote Speaker @ Preus-Brandt Forum  
**Craig Lincoln, Olympic Bronze Medalist**
- 1:30 p.m. Panel One: "Careers in Space!" @ Preus-Brandt Forum  
**Jane Hansen – HRP Systems, Inc.**  
**Rob Staehle – Jet Propulsion Laboratory**  
**Marion Thompson – The Aerospace Corporation**  
**Jussi "John" Olavi Vilja – The Boeing Company**
- 3:00 p.m. Spirit Showdown @ Gumby
- 3:30 p.m. Essay Writing @ Preus-Brandt Forum
- 4:15 p.m. Panel Two: "What Do I Really Need To Get Into The College Of My Choice?" @ Preus-Brandt Forum  
**Pamela Jolicoeur – California Lutheran University**  
**Carlos Sardo – Centennial High School**  
**Roger Scott – The Princeton Review**  
**Jane Sweetland – California State University, Channel Islands**
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner / Small Group Time @ Peppergrove Lawn
- 7:00 p.m. Building Blocks @ Overton Hall
- 9:00 p.m. Dorm Dash
- 9:30 p.m. Dance/Telescope Viewing @ Student Union Building/Pavilion
- 11:00 p.m. Return to Dorms
- 11:30 p.m. Bed Check

## Saturday, May 31

- 6:45 a.m.                    Wake-Up Calls
- 7:30 a.m.                    Breakfast @ Cafeteria
- 8:00 a.m.                    Volunteer Presentation @ Preus-Brandt Forum
- 8:30 a.m.                    Volunteer Project @ Thousand Oaks Health Center
- 10:30 a.m.                   Motivational Speaker @ Preus-Brandt Forum
- John Bryant, Operation Hope**
- 11:15 a.m.                   Panel Three: "Volunteerism You Can Sink Your Teeth Into" @ Preus-Brandt Forum
- Brandon Keefe – BookEnds**
- Niko Milonopoulos – Co-Founder, Kidz Voice**
- Theo Milonopoulos – Co-Founder, Kidz Voice**
- Brittany Roach – Student, Amazing Kids**
- 12:45 p.m.                   Mentor Lunch @ Peppergrove Lawn
- 1:45 p.m.                    Panel Four: "A Lesson In Civics" @ Preus-Brandt Forum
- John Duran – West Hollywood City Council**
- Brad Kane – Kane Law Firm**
- Margie Summers**
- 3:30 p.m.                    Seventh Inning Stretch @ Gumby
- 4:00 p.m.                    Panel Five: "Youth In Media, Express Yourself!" @ Preus-Brandt Forum
- Robby Baehr – Student, Oaks Christian**
- Errol Barnett – Channel One News**
- Ryan Chaddick – Antelope Valley Press**
- 5:30 p.m.                    Dinner @ Peppergrove Lawn
- 6:30 p.m.                    Dorm Dash
- 7:00 p.m.                    Talent Show @ Samuelson Chapel
- 9:30 p.m.                    Reflections @ Samuelson Chapel
- 10:30 p.m.                   Group Time
- 11:45 p.m.                   Bed Check

## **Sunday, June 1**

- 6:45 a.m.                    Wake-Up Calls**
- 7:30 a.m.                    Breakfast @ Cafeteria**
- 8:30 a.m.                    Non-Denominational Services/Study Hall @ Samuelson Chapel/Cafeteria**
- 9:30 a.m.                    Thank You Notes @ Cafeteria**
- 11:00 a.m.                   Junior Staff Presentation: "What Happens After HOBY?" – Commons Area**
- 11:30 a.m.                   Parents' Luncheon @ Cafeteria**
- 11:45 a.m.                   Lunch @ Cafeteria**
- 1:00 p.m.                    Closing Ceremonies @ Samuelson Chapel**
- 3:00 p.m.                    Departure**

## Panel 1: Entrepreneurship

### “Careers in Space”



#### **Jane Hansen**

Jane Hansen is currently the President of HRP Systems, Inc., a small aerospace company in Torrance, California, that she co-founded over 10 years ago. Ms. Hansen has nearly 25 years of experience in aerospace engineering and management working on aircraft, spacecraft, rockets and ballistic missiles for companies such as Microcosm, Eidetics, TRW, NASA JPL and Northrop-Grumman. She has a B.S. in Applied Mathematics from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo and an M.B.A. from Pepperdine University in Malibu, California.

#### **Rob Staehle**

Robert L. Staehle is Formulation Team lead for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's Information Technologies and Software Systems Division. Prior to that, he was deputy manager of the X2000 Advanced Avionics Project, and the Europa Orbiter Project. His career began with his student experiment, Bacteria Aboard Skylab, flown twice in 1973-74. He started in 1977 at JPL assisting with Voyager's Jupiter encounter planning, and later contributed to a variety of advanced studies in lunar and planetary exploration. Since 1981 he has been a member of the Mars Underground, advocating the first human expedition to Mars. Rob also enjoys hiking, mountain biking, and photography.



#### **Marion Thompson**

Marion D. Thompson works for The Aerospace Corporation as a Project Engineer for the Military Satellite Communications Joint Program Office at the Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo, California. Ms. Thompson is responsible for technical direction of military satellite integration to the United States government Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicles for the Defense Satellite Communications System III (DSCS III) Program, the Wideband Gapfiller Satellite (WGS) Systems Program and the Advanced Extremely High Frequency Program offices. She graduated from the Florida State University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering and is currently attending the University of Southern California, School of Aeronautics/Astronautics.

#### **Jussi “John” Olavi Vilja**

John was born in Van Nuys, California. He attended California State University at Northridge and graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1982. He worked for Rockwell International as a Development Engineer for the Space Shuttle Main Engine for 7 years. John then became a Project Engineer in the Advanced Programs group working on numerous research and development programs including the National Launch System, the National Aerospace Plane, and the X-33. He became the Manager of Advanced Project Engineering prior to being assigned to his current position. He joined Boeing in December 1996 when Boeing acquired Rockwell's aerospace and defense businesses. He received his master's degree in business administration from the Anderson School at University of California, Los Angeles. John has been married to his wife, Lynne, since 1989. He and Lynne are actively involved in snow skiing, mountain biking, hiking and other active pursuits.



## Panel 2: Education

“What Do I Really Need to Get Into the College of My Choice?”

### **Pamela Jolicoeur**

Dr. Pamela Jolicoeur is a professor of sociology, provost and dean of the faculty at California Lutheran University. During her tenure, she has served as vice president for academic affairs, associate dean, department chair and faculty chair, and was appointed a Danforth Fellow. As a scholar, Dr. Jolicoeur has presented and published research on higher education and the sociology of religion. Currently, she is engaged in a study of the long-term impact of different college experiences on alumni.



### **Carlos Sardo**

Carlos A. Sardo was born and raised in New York City. In addition to a bachelor's degree from Fresno Pacific University with a double major in biology and chemistry, Carlos holds a master's degree in counseling from California State University at Bakersfield (CSUB). He has worked as an educator for the Kern High School District for the past 26 years. Presently the head counselor at Centennial High School in Bakersfield, Carlos has been counseling for the past 13 years and is a lecturer on counseling at CSUB.

### **Roger Scott**

Roger Scott teaches test preparation through The Princeton Review for the SAT and many other standardized tests. He started teaching five years ago as a freshman at University of California at Santa Barbara where he majored in political science. He will be attending the Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law this fall. He also is a volunteer at this year's HOBY seminar.



### **Jane Sweetland**

Jane Sweetland holds a master's degree in counseling college students and a master's degree in creative writing. She is currently working as the communication coordinator in the Division of Student Affairs at California State University at Channel Islands. Prior to her move to higher education, Jane taught English and social studies in junior high and high school. In addition to teaching, she has worked on newspapers, magazines, film and television as a writer, editor and on-air reporter.



## Panel 3: Volunteerism

### “Volunteer Projects You Can Sink Your Teeth Into”



#### **Brandon Keefe**

When Brandon Keefe was 8, he decided to create a library at Hollygrove, a residential treatment center for abused children in Hollywood. His idea was simple, 70 kids at Hollygrove needed books to help them learn to read and Brandon knew that he and his fellow students had great books at home that they no longer read. Brandon organized a book drive with his fellow students to recycle their books for Hollygrove. Over the next three years, Brandon continued his annual book drives and the library began to grow. The community heard about the red-haired boy's dream of a Hollygrove library and organizations stepped in to build bookshelves, people volunteered their time, librarians bar-coded the books to create a true lending library and mentors were trained to sit down with the children and teach them to read. Today, Brandon is 17 and a senior at Chaminade High School. He serves as spokesperson on the Board of Directors of BookEnds, the nonprofit organization that he co-founded. Using Brandon's model, more than 110,000 students have learned the joys of community service through organizing BookEnds' book drives. 125 libraries have been developed in needy schools and youth organizations through the donation of more than 450,000 books, giving more than 70,000 kids the tools they need to learn to read.



#### **Niko and Theo Milonopoulos**

The City of Los Angeles' proposed legislation to ban the sale of gun ammunition citywide was the idea of twin brothers Niko and Theo Milonopoulos, then 15. The pair, 10th graders at Campbell Hall High School in North Hollywood, are co-founders of Kidz-Voice-LA, a non-profit organization run by kids for kids, which lobbies for gun control legislation and other issues that impact kids' lives. Children lobbying for gun control laws at the local level, on behalf of other children and themselves, is a unique and successful approach in addressing one of America's most contentious issues. Nick and Theo's work has touched the lives of thousands through television coverage of their events and during interviews on CBS, CNN, "The Roseanne Show" and PBS. Their op-ed pieces published in the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Daily News – as well as articles written about their work in Parade, Child and React magazines – have been read by people throughout the nation.



#### **Brittany Roach**

Brittany Roach is a big-hearted 14-year-old girl who attends Paul Revere Middle School in Brentwood, California. She has participated in community service most of her life and became a Girl Scout in first grade. In May of 2001, Brittany received the Silver Award – the highest honor given to Cadette Girl Scouts. For her Silver Award project, she collected 3,000 pounds of humanitarian aide, which was donated to three Polish orphanages. In Brittany's words, "Volunteering has provided me with opportunities to increase my self-esteem, self-worth and global awareness. I do these charitable projects not for the glory and praise of others, but for self-respect." This aspiring actress' life philosophy is, "God has put us all on the Earth for a reason; my purpose is to help others."

## Panel 4: Government

### “A Lesson in Civics”



#### **John Duran**

Mayor Pro Tempore John J. Duran was elected to the West Hollywood City Council on March 6, 2001. His election was the continuation of a long and dedicated history of service to the West Hollywood community. From 2000 to 2001 he served as Vice-Chair of the West Hollywood Rent Stabilization Commission, adjudicating appeals for landlord/tenant disputes and making policy recommendations on affordable housing and protection of tenants' rights. Since 1996, Mayor Pro Tempore Duran has also served as a volunteer attorney for the Coalition for Economic Survival (CES) Legal Clinic, where he continues to represent tenants—many of them West Hollywood residents—on issues including unlawful detainers, wrongful conviction and discrimination. Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, a native Angeleno, received his law degree from Western State University in Orange County, and leads one of Southern California's prominent law firms on gay and lesbian rights and AIDS law.

#### **Brad Kane**

Brad S. Kane grew up in Los Angeles and volunteered on his first presidential campaign when he was still too young to vote. By age 18, he was interning in the district office of Congressman Anthony C. Beilenson. While attending Hastings College of the Law, Brad taught two classes of ESL students their rights and responsibilities under the law as part of the Street Law Program. He also tutored three different constitutional law sections in the LEOP program and externed for United States District Judge Stanley Weigel. After graduation, Brad moved to Alaska and clerked for the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court. He practiced law in Alaska and California at major national law firms for 10 years, before he left to manage the United States Senate campaign of state auditor Ed Flannigan in Vermont. After an unsuccessful campaign, he opened his own law firm, where he continues to make the world a better place, one person at a time.



#### **Margie Summers**

## Panel 5: Media

### “Youth in Media - Express Yourself”



#### **Robby Baehr**

Robby Baehr was born in Atlanta, Georgia, but has lived in Southern California for the last six years. He is a junior at Oaks Christian in Westlake Village. He has been making movies since he was very young, first with his two older brothers, and now that they are away at college, on his own. He is usually the director, cinematographer and editor of his most recent productions. His movies have been shown at the Santa Barbara Film Festival Teen Digital Competition and the Ojai Film Festival. He was invited to the Sundance Film Festival to be part of the Reel Studio Workshop, an experience he found very inspiring.

He just recently completed a competition where he was given 24 hours to make a movie. He has started several clubs at his school including the Video Club, the Debate Club, and the Business Club and he created the Advanced Digital Video Class.

#### **Errol Barnett**

Channel One News anchor Errol Barnett took leadership roles in several organizations while attending high school in Phoenix, Arizona. He served as president of JAG (Job for America's Graduates) a national organization designed to help seniors obtain information about skills needed to achieve a job in their desired career. Errol was president of Whsup (Westview High Student Unity Program) and president of the school's Black Student Union. On an impulse, he produced an audition tape with clips from his weekly show "Knight of Pride." He came to the attention of Channel One's president of programming, and the next year he was hired as a full-time anchor. Currently, Errol takes classes at Santa Monica Community College while anchoring Channel One News and plans to study political science at UCLA. He hopes to use his knowledge of history and his broadcast journalism skills to educate teenagers. Errol was born in Milton Keynes, England, and moved to Phoenix in 1993.



#### **Ryan Chaddick**

## Keynote Speaker



### **Craig Lincoln**

Craig Lincoln competed in his first diving contest at age 14, and never looked back. His participation in the sport took him from junior high, through high school, and on to the University of Minnesota where he led the swimming and diving team in scoring. In addition to winning Big Ten Conference and NCAA championships, he was named team captain, earned an academic scholarship, and was awarded the University's prestigious Conference Medal of Honor for outstanding scholarship and athletic achievement.

His success in diving took him all over the United States and Canada, to Europe and South America, and culminated at the Olympic Games in Munich, Germany. There, representing the United States against the best in the world, he won the bronze medal in the springboard event. Along the way, he earned five national champion titles, three college and three AAU "All-American" titles, and made many, many friends.

When Craig left the world of athletics for the corporate world, he applied the lessons he had learned as an Olympian to become vice president of sales and management training for a \$40-billion dollar financial company. There he managed a team of trainers and specialists and developed leadership programs for managers and senior executives to improve performance, define goals, and coach their business teams.

Since 1996, Craig has traveled extensively, leading seminars and working with sales teams in the U.S., Europe, China and Hong Kong. But he never lost his love for diving. He remained active in the sport, and in 2001, he returned to the Munich Olympic Stadium for the World Masters Aquatics Games. There, in the same pool and on the same platform, 30 years after winning the Olympic bronze medal, Craig reprised his dives against the best masters divers in the world – this time he won the gold.

## Motivational Speaker

### **John Bryant**

Selected by Time Magazine as "One of America's 50 Most Promising Leaders of the Future," and selected to receive the Oprah Winfrey and Oprah's Angel Network national "Use Your Life" Award, John Bryant is the founder, chairman of the board and CEO of Operation HOPE, Inc., America's first non-profit social investment banking organization. Mr. Bryant also serves as chairman and CEO of the growing network of Operation HOPE Banking Centers and Inner City Cyber Cafes. These businesses are for-profit subsidiaries of Operation HOPE, Inc., and represent an innovative new model for banking in under-served communities and bridging the digital divide with digital empowerment solutions worldwide. Totally committed to the social and economic revitalization of our urban, inner-city and under-served communities, Operation HOPE, Inc. has become a symbol of hope for many and an influential national and international voice for the economic empowerment of the under-served.



# HOBY

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership

## HOBY Background

In 1958, actor Hugh O'Brian was privileged to spend nine days in Africa with Dr. Albert Schweitzer, whose remarks and observations were both profound and stimulating. In reference to youth and education, Schweitzer told O'Brian: "The most important thing in education is to teach young people to think for themselves."

Dr. Schweitzer's words deeply moved O'Brian to explore the avenues through which he might influence the lives of our young people. Gradually, a concept evolved, and the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY) was born.

The HOBY program is simple: Bring a select group of high school sophomores with demonstrated leadership qualities together with a group of distinguished leaders

in business, industry, education, government, and the professions, and let the two interact. Using a seminar question-and-answer format, the young people get a realistic look at the workings of the American incentive system, which broadens their perspective and better enables them to think for themselves.

High school sophomores are chosen as the focal point for the HOBY program not only because their age is critical in focusing on future goals and forming opinions for adulthood, but also because they have the opportunity to create a "ripple effect" from their HOBY experience in their remaining high school years.

## Selection Process

Nomination materials are sent in September of each year to the 22,000 public and private high schools in the United States. All sophomores are eligible to attend one of the three to four-day seminars held in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Bahamas, Canada and Mexico. An outstanding sophomore leader is nominated by each school and is certified by its principal.

These expense-paid workshops focus on the theme "America's Incentive System," and encourage the young leaders toward responsible citizenship of community volunteerism and service. One young man or woman is selected to represent his or her site at a week-long World Leadership Congress held in late summer. In addition, HOBY invites young leaders from at least 30 countries to attend this international seminar.

## Results of HOBY Seminars

The effectiveness of HOBY seminars is noted in the results of HOBY's most recent evaluation:

- 80 percent of ambassadors noted they had a better understanding of the free enterprise, economic and American political systems.
- 98 percent said they know what steps to take to be a better leader.
- 98 percent said they know volunteering is important.
- 99 percent said HOBY encourages them to think independently.
- The evaluation found that HOBY encourages Ambassadors to set goals and that the responsibility for personal growth and leadership development is placed squarely on them.

## HOBY Mission and Objectives

*To seek out, recognize and reward leadership potential in high school sophomores from throughout California, the United States and abroad.*

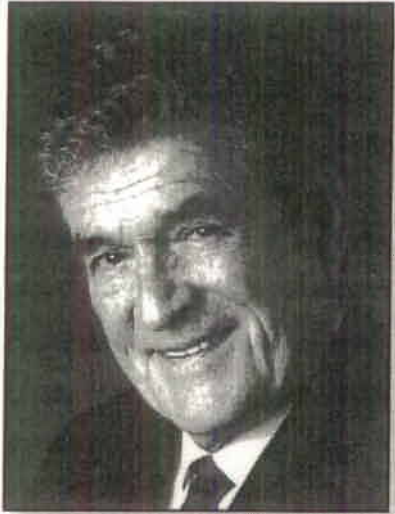
*To encourage and assist members of this formative age group in their quest for self-identification and self-development.*

*To interface these potential idealers with recognized leaders in business, government, science, education and the professions through give-and-take sessions.*

*To motivate these young leaders to their responsibility and the importance of volunteerism.*

*To stimulate opportunities for these young people to demonstrate their leadership abilities when they return home for betterment of community and country.*

## *The Freedom to Choose*



*I do not believe we are all created equal. Physical and emotional differences, parental guidance, varying environments, or being in the right place at the right time all play a role in enhancing or limiting development. But I do believe every man or woman – if given the opportunity and encouragement to recognize his or her potential, regardless of background – has the freedom to choose in our world.*

*Will an individual be a taker or a giver in life? Or be satisfied merely to exist? Or will that person seek a meaningful purpose, daring to dream the impossible dream?*

*I believe each person is created as the steward of his or her own destiny, with great power for a specific purpose: to share with others, through service, a reverence for life in a spirit of love.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh O'Brian". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

*Hugh O'Brian*

# *Think Positive*

*From "Positive Thinking Every Day"*

*by Norman Vincent Peale*

**I***f you want to get somewhere, you have to know where you want to go and how to get there. Then never, never give up.*

*The secret of life isn't what happens to you, but what you do with what happens to you.*

*Help other people to cope with their problems and your own will be easier to deal with.*

*Never use the word "impossible" seriously again. Toss it into the verbal wastebasket.*

*Self-trust is the first secret of success. So believe in and trust yourself.*

*Stand up to your obstacles and do something about them. You will find that they haven't half the strength you think they have.*

*Joy increases as you give it and diminishes as you try to keep it to yourself. In giving it, you will accumulate a deposit of joy greater than you ever believed possible.*

*How you think about a problem is more important than the problem itself -- so always think positively.*

*Go at life with abandon; give it all you've got. And life will give all it has for you.*

*Hugh O'Brian*

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