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Dear Dr. Rankin,

To an aspiring medical student your recent election as President of the American College of Surgeons represents one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a man.

I + may seem presumptuous for one who has barely begun his training in medicine + to offer congratulations. I want to tell you, however, how happy I am that your colleagues have deemed fit to accord you this deserved honor, and that it is indeed a privilege to know you.

Sincerely yours,

Nicholas Z. Kopofis