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## Helping Teens Succeed in our Community *by Ben Glass*

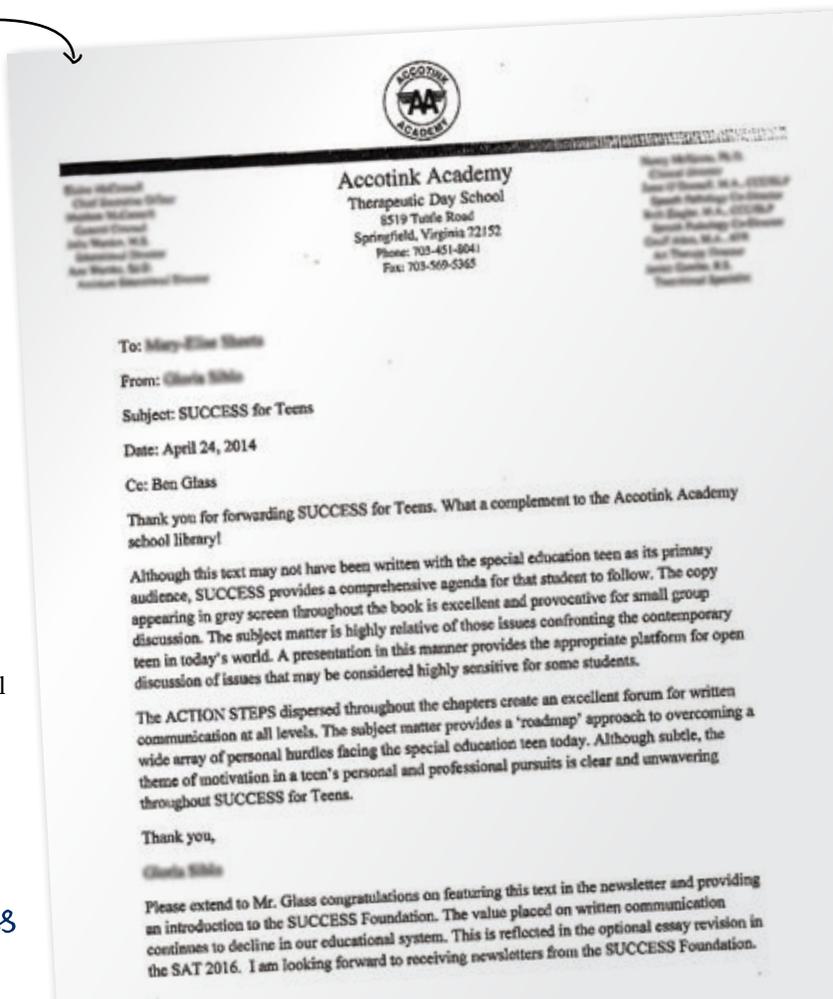
Those of you who were paying attention a few months ago remember that we did a free giveaway of the book *Success for Teens: Real Teens Talk About Using the Slight Edge*. The giveaway was so popular, the book is on back order for six months from the foundation that supplies it! So to everyone who participated, way to go!

I wanted to share with you a letter I got about the book from a school in the area that really does some fantastic work with children who have learning disabilities—Accotink Academy in Springfield, Virginia. Accotink is a private therapeutic day school for students with a variety of learning and emotional disabilities. Long before phrases like “learning disability” were common knowledge, founder Elaine McConnell was working with medical and psycho-educational specialists to create her *own* curriculum.

Now, on its 50th anniversary, Accotink is doing incredible work with children who have learning challenges by putting them in a supportive, therapeutic, balanced environment. Check out the letter they wrote after receiving the *Success for Teens* book as part of our promotion.

And a special thanks to Accotink from me for everything they're doing in the community. That's exactly what this area needs—more educators willing to do what it takes to help children of all backgrounds get the tools they need to succeed. ■

*Ben Glass*



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- Adam G.

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- Ruth L.

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military. Patrick's commanding officer informed him that for the safety of his troops, he should remain on active duty.

As parents, Ben and Sandi were upset at first hearing the news of their son being deployed, not only for obvious safety reasons, but also since the wedding was planned for the fall of 2014, with a venue already selected. It didn't take long for Ben and Sandi to give their blessing regarding the couple's wedding day changes, especially when they heard that Eileen



was behind Patrick 100%. "We know this is something he has always wanted to do. Patrick feels a very strong sense of duty to his country



*From the groomsmen, to the pastor, junior bridesmaids, and even the door holder, Patrick and Eileen's wedding was a family affair from start to finish.*

and always has. We are very proud of him for following his calling. We pray that he will return safely and soon. Many, many other families have traveled this path before us." say Sandi and Ben.

Patrick departed for Afghanistan in early June. While he is deployed, Eileen, a 5th grade teacher in Fairfax County, plans to be very busy setting up their new home in Northern Virginia. When Patrick returns from Afghanistan, they will finally begin their life TOGETHER for the first time since they began dating. Once Patrick returns from Afghanistan, he will begin the process of transitioning to civilian life by looking for a job ... anyone out there have any leads? ■

# BGL's Best Bites

## SUMMERTIME ZUCCHINI CASSEROLE



### Ingredients:

- Zucchini (5 small)
- Tomatoes (2–3)
- Bulk sausage (1/4 lb)
- Italian seasoning (1 tsp)
- Salt (to taste)
- Grated cheddar cheese (1–2 cups)
- Italian-flavored breadcrumbs (1/2–1 cup)

*This was a favorite when Sandi was growing up and continues to be a favorite in our family.*

### Preparation:

- 1 Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- 2 Slice and layer zucchini about an inch thick in a rectangular casserole dish (five small zucchinis for a large casserole)
- 3 Sprinkle with Italian seasoning and salt or your favorite seasoning
- 4 Cut and layer tomatoes on top of zucchini (in off season, I use canned tomatoes, drained)
- 5 Place chunks of raw sausage over tomatoes
- 6 Bake at 350 for about 35 minutes, until zucchini is crisp-tender
- 7 Drain off liquid and top with grated cheddar cheese mixed with Italian-flavored bread crumbs.
- 8 Return to oven until cheese is melted.



## Employee Spotlight: Katherine Patterson

*Katherine Patterson is interning with us at Great Legal Marketing / Ben Glass Law for her summer break.* She was with us last summer, as well, so we think of her as a seasoned veteran for the Live Life Big culture.

*Katherine won a state-wide marketing competition for DECA, advancing to the international competition!*

During Katherine's senior year of high school, she won a state-wide marketing competition for DECA, a marketing club that she was in through high school, advancing to the international competition! Her uncle Ben (yep, Katherine is Ben's niece!) heard about her success and he knew that she had been interested in marketing, so he offered her a summer job with us last year and apparently we didn't scare her too much because she's back with us again!

Before Katherine came to us, she had worked at a local sweetFrog frozen yogurt shop and is currently the campus manager for a company called University Tees, where she coordinates mass orders of t-shirts for organizations.

Katherine is the oldest of EIGHT kids. She joked, "I beat Uncle Ben! He's only the oldest of seven."

Colin Lynch, Video Studio Manager for Great Legal Marketing, said, "It's been really fun having Katherine as our summer intern. She's intelligent, witty, and a hard worker. I wish I had gotten this kind of experience at her age, because she's going to use what she's learned to do some incredible things. We can't wait to see it."

Laura Vezzani, Marketing Specialist for Ben Glass Law and Great Legal Marketing, said of Katherine, "Katherine is really smart, sweet, and a lot of fun to be around. She's been doing some great work and we're really excited to have her with us this summer." ■

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## Congratulations to Patrick Glass and his new Bride, Eileen!

*“It was a perfect sunny, spring-like, day, nestled in between several snow days,” said Ben Glass and his wife, Sandi, when describing the wedding day of their son Patrick and daughter-in-law Eileen Cosgrove.*

At 3:30 p.m. on April 12, 2014, at the Kentlands Mansion in Gaithersburg, Maryland, the setting was impeccable for the bride and groom to say their I do’s.

With 100 guests in attendance, Patrick and Eileen did a remarkable job including all of the family in the wedding. “From the groomsmen, to the pastor, junior bridesmaids, and even the door holder, it was a family affair from start to finish. We loved how Patrick and Eileen gave the entire family a role

to play. We all felt like an important part of their special day,” said Sandi. According to Ben, this is the first wedding his two newest children, Leah and David, had ever been to. Sounds like the bar for future Glass family weddings has been set pretty high!

The couple’s initial plan was for Patrick to exit the Army in the spring of 2014 and marry in the fall of 2014. Plans changed the day he went in to give notice of his departure from the



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