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Dear WANTE Members,

As today is my last day as your WANTE president, and as an educational assistant with WSD, I am writing to say a heartfelt goodbye.

WANTE has played a large role in my life since I began working as an Educational Assistant for WSD in 1991. After serving on various WANTE committees over the past 32 years, and during my time as WANTE President, my first and utmost priority has always been protecting the rights of WANTE members. Although members may not have always liked the answers they received, I pride myself on having remained transparent, and providing you with the highest standard of representation.

It is hard to believe this chapter of my life has come to an end. Albeit shortened, I have enjoyed my time with WANTE, I will miss this place, and all that it represents. As with anything special, it is the people I have worked alongside with that I will miss the most. It has been a pleasure serving as your president these past three years, and on your council and executive during my time with the Association.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have served as a representative of the WANTE Executive and Council for their hard work, commitment, and support. These committees are working diligently, and extremely hard for you, the members. They have made a commitment on your behalf and will continue to protect your rights while best supporting the future of the Association. I'd like to take a moment to recognize all the time and effort this volunteer position entails. To those of you who have served, you have made a difference, and I thank you for a job well done! Individually, and as a whole, you have been an inspiration to me, and I have learned things from all of you. From my time with you, I hold many fond memories.

I leave this place with mixed emotions, but great confidence in the people here. I know that they are capable of overcoming any hurdles that arise and will continue to make WANTE strong. I wholeheartedly believe in our slogan - *members working for members*.

I appreciate the support you have provided me during my tenure as the President of WANTE, and I have enjoyed working with all of you.

Stay well,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carla Paul".

Carla Paul  
WANTE President