

June 2, 2009

Mr. Dan Foster  
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Dear Mr. Foster:

I've always known how important scholarship support is. Yet this year I was reminded in a particularly powerful way that gifts do indeed change lives. One young lady, Lauren, received a \$500 scholarship and was so appreciative that she baked us chocolate chip cookies in thanks. She shared that without that support, she would have been unable to complete the school year because things were so tight for her and her family. Like Lauren, scholarships play a large role in determining the future of many our young students. Thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends like you, our scholarship program lets us recruit and retain students from across the state and around the globe and provide them with a world-class COUGAR education.

As you can tell from the enclosed letter in thanks for the scholarship from the Wine and Food Society of Clark County for the 2009-2010 academic year, our students are deeply grateful as well.

I'm especially excited to invite you to join us for a special reception on campus in April 2010, when you can meet your scholarship recipients and visit with other college supporters. We will send you a formal invitation closer to the date, with the specifics of date, time and location. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Britta Nitcy at (509) 335-6479.

We sincerely thank you for your support. Together, we will continue to provide an outstanding education and inspire students to lead for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Bernardo '85  
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Enclosures

Dear Wine and Food Society of Clark County,

I would like to share with you my deepest appreciation for your decision in choosing me to receive the Wine and Food Society of Clark County Scholarship. This generous scholarship will help me greatly.

At Washington State University I hope to study in the Food Science/Viticulture and Hotel Management areas. I have been looking forward to working in the wine industry for about a year now and I cannot wait to learn more.

I attend Columbia River High School in Vancouver, Washington and I am apart of the Link Crew and DECA clubs. Link Crew is a group of hand picked juniors and seniors that are chosen to help incoming freshman transition into high school. The Link Crew group meets with the new students the day before school starts, the first day of school, and many times throughout the year. As a freshman I was very grateful for these upper classmen and was very proud to be apart of the group this year. DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) is a marketing club I am a member of. While being with DECA I competed at the Area 9 competition and the State competition for Washington. Our Columbia River High School chapter also organizes and puts together the Halloween dance for the special needs students in the Vancouver School District. Our club also organizes our schools winter dance and the talent show.

Throughout my four years at Columbia River I have participated on a sports team every season. I have received two Varsity Letter Awards for soccer, three awards for bowling and will receive my third award for being a varsity member of the girls' golf team.

Outside of school I have volunteered at the local Boys & Girls Club of Southwest Washington and at Lake Shore Elementary School. While volunteering at Lake Shore I spent my time gathering supplies for teachers and preparing activities for the students to participate in. This past summer I volunteered at the Clinton & Gloria John Clubhouse in Hazel Dell. I worked in the gymnasium teaching and leading different sports and activities. I also chose my senior project topic on the Boys & Girls Club to discuss funding for clubs throughout the nation. I anticipate volunteering again this summer. All together, I grew as a person while volunteering at the local club. I came to understand circumstances of underprivileged young members, and how they overcome their hard situations. I learned to be strong, care for others, always be positive and to try my best at all times. The best thing is, I learned it not just from volunteering, but from the kids themselves.

I would like to thank you again so very much for selecting me to receive the Wine and Food Society of Clark County Scholarship. I am grateful for your generosity and will make good use of this scholarship.

Sincerely,



McKensie Krebs