

Dear Rotary Club of Homer-Kachemak Bay,

I am honored to be one of the recipients of a Rotary college scholarship. Thank you for your generous support in my educational journey during this unprecedented time.

Growing up in an economy less stable than that of the United States and the effect of the pandemic on the already unstable economy not only has created financial and academic challenges but also has helped me appreciate more the value of a college education.

I had just begun my undergraduate career as a freshman at Kenai Peninsula College/UAA, when the Covid-19 pandemic was at its peak and caused the worldwide lockdown. This pandemic created a lot of uncertainty and fear to my plans. The scholarship gave me more time to carefully redirect and rearrange my educational plans, while reducing the worries brought by the financial challenges and giving me more time to focus on my academics.

I can already report that my academic journey is off to a great start and my dream is gradually becoming reality. My plan at this stage is to complete my pre-requisite courses for an engineering major at KPC, then advance to UAA to complete my undergraduate degree. I consider myself fortunate to be able to have had this opportunity.

Volunteering in Homer during my exchange year, I enjoyed helping people in the community and I've learned a lot about community services. I have also been fortunate to benefit from community services. I also enjoyed helping people learn about community services available to them.

My educational pursuits would not be possible without the generous support from scholarship sponsors. The Rotary Club of Homer-Kachemak Bay has been a very vital influence in my young adult life, from Youth Exchange to my college. I hope when I become an engineer sometime in the future, I'll have more of an ability to be able to serve and help the less fortunate

and under-represented social groups like Rotary has done for me. Thank you for enabling this opportunity!

Sincerely,

Winston