

*Letter to the SBLEF Board from -
2017 Bonney Lake High School graduate*

Thank you so much for helping me to achieve my childhood dream of going to college. We have all been told and the numbers back it up, that preparing yourself to go to college and graduating with your degree is one of the best things you can do. College, unfortunately, is more expensive than ever and I truly couldn't have done it without the help of the Foundation. I hope to graduate and give back to the community that has been so great to me. Thank you so much,

*Letter to the SBLEF Board from -
2017 Bonney Lake High School graduate*

A \$1500 scholarship was an exciting surprise at the BL Senior awards night. I am incredibly grateful for these funds from the foundation and am highly honored. I will be attending the George Washington University in DC as part of the Women's Leadership Program. These funds will be very helpful in progressing my education toward my goal of becoming a surgeon. Thank you very much for your continued support for students like myself. With much gratitude,

*Letter to the SBLEF Board from -
2017 Sumner High School graduate*

I can't thank you enough for this scholarship; words cannot describe how much it means to me! College pushes stress about money on students very quickly, and this helps to alleviate some of that stress for sure! You are all very generous and I appreciate all that you're doing for stressed out seniors! Winning a scholarship for arts and music is all I could ever ask for, as it is all that I am passionate about! Thank you for assisting me on my way to my future and on my way to my dream job in the arts!

*Letter to the Mrs. Downing from -
2017 Sumner High School graduate & Jerry Downing Memorial Golf Scholarship*

I wanted to take the time to express my sincere gratitude at having received this glorious scholarship for a sport I enjoy so much. The sport of golf has not only taught me how to swing a club, but how to conduct my life through honesty and integrity. I will use this money to not only advance my education, but advance my life in a way I can make others proud. I only hope I use this scholarship in a way Jerry Downing would have seen it. Once again, thank you.

*Letter to Dr. Eismann from -
2015 Sumner High School junior and recipient of the Eismann International Baccalaureate (IB) award*

I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity to go to the IB Student World Conference in Rochester this summer. It was by far the most enriching experience of my life. I became friends with people from Egypt,

Ecuador, Afghanistan, Venezuela, New Zealand and numerous people from all across the United States. The students at the conference were the most intelligent and diverse group I have ever been a part of. Everyone was kind, well-spoken and unique, and I am honored to have met each and every one of them. I was tutored in Spanish by native Central Americans, I played table tennis with kids from China, I had a discussion about international relations with kids from Southeast Asia, the Middle East and South America. I never realized what it meant to be an IB student until I came back from Rochester.....Thank you so much.

*Letter to the SBLEF Board from -
2013 Bonney Lake High School graduate & Corliss scholar*

Let me begin by saying, thank you so much for awarding me this incredible scholarship!

I have completed my sophomore year at Gonzaga University and I am in the Mechanical Engineering program and working hard at it. I finished last year with a 3.1 GPA. Although my major is in engineering, I know that my passion is in business and being able to apply my strong analytical and process skills in a dynamic business environment where I can make a difference.

Now that I have all that out of the way, let me tell you what I have been up to in this past year. First semester was a pretty typical semester for me. I took 18 credits, worked at the gym on campus, played club rugby, participated in the startup of Gonzaga's first social fraternity and tutored individuals in math. My Second semester was very different from my other 3 semesters at Gonzaga. This is because I spent last semester abroad in Florence, Italy. It was an amazing experience in which I got to learn a little Italian, live with an Italian family, tutor at an Italian school, travel all over Europe (13 countries in total), and still take all my required engineering credits. It was an eye-opening experience to travel all over Europe; I got to see so many different places - the art, the culture, and the opportunity to meet so many different people from all over the world. This last semester abroad I have really grown as person, student and as someone who now realizes that we live in a much larger community. This opportunity has left me with some incredible memories that I will never forget.

Thank you once again for your continued support of my education!

*Letter to the SBLEF Board from -
2014 Bonney Lake High School graduate & Corliss scholar*

My first year of college was amazing! There were lots of doors and opportunities opened for me during my first year of school after high school. If anything my interest in business administration has been strengthened. In the last year I have gained 50% ownership in a store and I have applied my learnings in school to the company. I cannot wait to return for autumn quarter.

*Letter to the SBLEF Board from -
2014 Sumner High School graduate & Eismann Family scholar*

Your support to helping me further my education at Washington State University was a huge help! My first year was one to definitely remember. I got involved with Greek life and did great in all my classes. I am on track to be certified into the business program by my junior year, which is right where I need to be. I can truly

say my freshman year was everything I could have asked for. I love my college for many different reasons. The people I have made relationships with. The pride everyone has to be a Cougar and lastly, the beautiful campus.

The support you gave to me with a scholarship has helped me enjoy this amazing school. The scholarship money I received has made a difference in my life by allowing me to go to Washington State University and explore all that the school has to offer. All the different experiences that you go through with being in college is nothing like I have done before. The SBLEF has supported me so much and I am extremely grateful for that.

Thank you so much with all the support you all have given me over my first year at WSU!