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“The past few months have been a season of change for me. I spent the spring semester preparing my master’s thesis, which I defended in late March. I then turned around and two weeks later married the love of my life in mid-April. Graduation came in early May. I will work my hardest to ensure that your investment in me will not be fruitless and that through the skills and resources you have helped me acquire I will be able to multiply that blessing in other peoples’ lives.”

Nate Dunkin, civil, environmental and sustainable engineering
Phoenix/Scottsdale Groundwater Contamination Scholarship for Environmental Science recipient

“I will benefit a lot from this fellowship and definitely work hard towards my career goal. I look forward to the time that I can help others as you have helped me.”

Shi Liu, electrical engineering
Ford Graduate Engineering Fellowship Recipient

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“I was brought up as the eldest daughter in a single-parent household. My mother is an inspiration to me because she showed me that women can be strong and independent. She told me that the only regret she had in life was choosing marriage over education. Therefore, her only requirement for me was that I had to go to college and get at least a bachelor’s degree. She wanted me to be self-sufficient and independent, with or without a man. I promised my mother, and myself, that I would study hard so that all her hard work will not go to waste. I thank you again for having the heart to believe in me. I see this scholarship as a personal encouragement and I will work very hard to prove that I truly deserve this recognition.”

Thao Ngo, chemical engineering
Argyro Lalos Tribute Scholarship recipient

Thank you for making a better future possible
"I would like to thank you for the financial support that allows me to continue here at Arizona State. I cannot imagine working anywhere else, and I am very excited to continue both my education and growth as a student and a researcher."

Brian Proulx, electrical engineering
International Switching Symposium Fellowship

"My parents never had the opportunity to attend college, so I am the first in my family to earn a college degree. I am happy that I am setting a positive example for my own children and hope they will one day follow in my footsteps and earn their own degree. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students to achieve their goals and academic success as you have helped me. Thank you again for your investment in my education."

Megan Branson, construction management
Robert J. Wheeler Memorial Scholarship Recipient

"Coming from a less privileged family, I have faced many hardships financially and academically, but it has made me realize what is most important in my life, which is the value of my college education. By awarding me the Boeing Scholarship, you have lifted a financial burden that gives me the ability to focus on school and learn new things. Thank you for your generosity and support in my education. I promise you that I will work very hard and eventually give back to others in the future just as you have to me, either through software engineering or possibly a scholarship like yours to future students."

Sandra L. Howard, computer science
Boeing Scholarship recipient

"At the young age of nine, I already had an idea of what I wanted to do with my life. While many other children watched cartoon shows on Nickelodeon, I watched home improvement shows on Home and Garden Television. During my childhood years, the thought of fixing and building things always intrigued me. I am writing this letter to thank you for helping transform my one dream as a child into an entire career aspiration. I hope one day I will be able to inspire students to achieve their goals, just as you have so greatly inspired me."

Sabrina Scott, construction management
Andrew Hanneman Scholarship recipient
Anngela Adams
Jonathan Adler
Rick Ahlf
Rizwan Ahmad
Tina Alam
Scott Alter
Brian Aronson
Kari Ashmont
Garrett Austin
Dillon Card
Jacob Carver
Maureen Cassin
Che Chavez
Andrew Chill
Hyung Woo Choi
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Jim Min Chung
Maria Clavijo Jordan
James Fiacco
Hector Flores
Christopher Floyd
Darcy Frear
Wesley Fullmer
Isaac Garnica
Molly Gavan
Nathan Gaw
Carolina Gaxiola
Phil Howard
Sandra Howard
Cassandra Hudec
Edgar Hurtado
Abbas Jaber
Nathan Jack
Keilan Jackson
Skyler Jackson
Heather Jamieson
Mark Bailly
Cynthia Barela
John Barfoot
Taylor Barker
Kristen Barlish
Kaitlyn Beaudet
Andrew Beaufeaux
Jacob Becker
Scott Beeman
Ashley Bernardez
Vincent Bevilacqua
Anushree Bharadwaj
Leonard Black
Amy Blatt
Stephanie Bone
Luke Borkowski
Robert Bosfield
Breana Branham
Megan Branson
Austin Bren
Lauren Brunacini
Michael Burnam-Fink
Kenneth Busch
Julia Cambron
Joshua Claxton
Enrique Collazo
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Janiel de Armas
Michael De Gregorio
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Tyrone DeSilva
Abhishek Dharan
Taylor Divine
Javier Duarte
Kathleen Duggan
Nicole Dunham
Nathan Dunkin
Brittany Duong
Justin Echols
Samira Ejaz
John Ernzen
William Evans
Jin Fan
Janet Ferrel
Madison Gerecke
James McKay Gifford
Mikayla Gilbert
Christopher Gilligan
Zachary Gordon
Lindsay Grant
Natalie Griego-Pavon
Kyle Griffin
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Tkyo Hoerr
Canio Hoffarth
Catherine Hoke
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Ahanuf Hossain
Benjamin Jankunas
Christopher Jeffery
Tate Jensen
Brandan Jeter
Xiaocong Jin
Katelyn Keberle
Lindsay Keever
Morgan Kelley
Aliesche Kessler
Ahmed Khalil
Justin Kilduff
Justin Kinsler
Jeffrey Knutsen
Robert Kong
Michael Krejci
Lisa Lacy
Bryan Langdorf
Erin Lanus
Brett Larsen
Michael Larsen
Ching Yan Lau
William Lee
Kristin Lehnhoff
Steven Limpert
I printed out the receipt of the scholarship and attached it to my wall near my desk where I study. It inspires me when I have those moments where I feel like giving up. Next school year there will be many setbacks and as I struggle to move forward, I will sit at my desk and think about two people (Mr. and Mrs. Tooker) who do not even know me, but who want to see me achieve my goals. This means a great deal to me and I deeply appreciate what you have done in helping me as a student.

Gage Hintzen, electrical engineering
Gary and Diane Tooker Scholarship for Engineering recipient
You have truly taken a load off of my shoulders and really brought my spirits up by giving me this opportunity. To see everything coming into place after working so hard through the struggles to get to that point really gives me a new outlook on the whole situation and I honestly cannot thank you enough. Knowing that what I am doing is the right thing is a great feeling, and to have supporters and mentors like you, it really makes me realize that things of this nature are not taken for granted.”

Justin Kilduff, construction management
James Fann Memorial Scholarship Recipient
I have worked in the technical trade of heating and air conditioning for over 12 years. Several years ago I decided to go back to school, which was a big undertaking as I am married with three children. The responsibility of taking care of my family, working full time and keeping up with my studies has been challenging at times, however I feel so privileged to be a student at ASU. I am very proud to serve as a role model to my children and show them the importance of an education. Therefore, I am deeply grateful for your generous contribution to my education.

Darrell Stanley, construction management
American Indian Construction Management Scholarship recipient
“Your generous gift will help to make it financially possible for me to complete my studies on time. My husband has recently returned to work after three years of unemployment from the residential construction industry. I have spent the past three years going to school full time, working 35-40 hours per week to support my family, and being a mom to three boys. This scholarship will enable me to focus more on school and my family, rather than having to earn money for school. I appreciate your generosity and consideration in awarding me this financial gift.”

Kimberly Rahberger, construction management
Del E. Webb Foundation Women in Construction Scholarship recipient

“It’s comforting to know that there are people who are still willing to offer financial assistance, especially in our current economy, and so for that, I thank you both. Future tuition costs aside, I’ve always felt drawn to the medical field because my older sister has juvenile diabetes and having watched her struggle with that burden daily for so many years continually inspires me to take whatever gifts I’ve been given and use them to help others. One of my instructors once told me that, “I don’t really care to count my blessings. I’d much rather share them.” With the help of the Charles Lemon Memorial Scholarship, this is exactly what I hope to do. So once again, thank you so very much for both your faith and support, financial and otherwise.”

John Ernzen, biomedical engineering
Charles Lemon Memorial Scholarship recipient