

End of year summaries/Thank you Notes
11 ½ St Foundation 2013 Scholarship recipients and 1 recent college graduate

Hello donors

End of freshmen year 2014

March 20th, 2014

Dear 11 ½ St Foundation donors,

I would like to start by saying THANK YOU! Thank you for helping me, thank you for motivating me, but most importantly thank you for believing in me. A year ago, I was blessed when I received the 11 ½ St Foundation Scholarship. I can't even find the words to explain my gratitude towards you. A college education is a key for a brighter future; your donations and gratitude makes it possible for me and many other students to pursue our dream of earning our college degree.

I just finished my first year at Texas A&M University-College Station, majoring in biomedical sciences on track for a medical career to become a sports medicine physician. Honestly, becoming a college student was not easy. I come from a working class single-parent household, meaning that I had no hope of a college education but thanks to scholarships like this one, I was able to get at least an 80% of my undergrad career expenses covered. I worked hard throughout my high school education; I was always the one student who went the extra mile because giving up was never an option.

Now that I can call myself a college student, an Aggie, I am proud of what I had accomplished in my freshman year in college. Not only did I received an excellent education but I also joined clubs/organization such as Ballet Folkloric Celestial. I made incredible memories, and I gave back to the community by participating in events like *Aggie Replant* and *The Big Event*. One of my greatest experiences was being able to go abroad to Paris, France. I spent an entire week in France, visiting the most historical places Paris has to offer and on our last day I traveled to Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery & Memorial in Normandy.

This upcoming semester I will begin my sophomore year in college at an amazing university. I'm so blessed for this opportunity. I won't disappoint you and those who believe in me. I promise I will continue to work very hard even beyond my college education. Once again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Consuelo
Davis High School 2013
Texas A & M University freshman
First generation college student

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Dear 11 ½ St. Foundation,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for funding my college education. I am very honored to have received this scholarship because I would not be where I am without donors like you. I am currently a freshman majoring in Radio Television Film at The University of Texas at Austin.

While attending school I have discovered so much about the world and my own surroundings. At the beginning of the semester I was completely lost and overwhelmed with the newfound responsibilities of a first-generation college student. My roommates who attended the same high school helped me a lot with support and advice. My hardest obstacle was learning how to study effectively and I am proud to say that I have overcome that with the help of my new friends who were going through the same transition. The course that most impacted me the most was Race, Ethnicity and the Media because I learned about how the media influences most people without them even being aware of it. I feel much more confident this semester because I have managed to use my time wisely and am more prepared when I receive big workloads.

Thank you again for the 11 ½ St. Foundation scholarship. I truly appreciate you all and will try my best to make you and past/future scholarship recipients proud.

Sincerely,

Joally
Davis High School graduate, 2013
University of Texas-Austin freshman
First generation college student

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Howdy Dear Donor,

My name is Jefferson Sanchez and thanks to your contribution, I'm now a sophomore at Texas A&M, majoring in Political Science with a desire to attend law school. I want to go to law school because I want to help others, just like you helped me during my freshmen year. Let me tell you that your donation has helped me in so many ways, and for that I am thankful. Your contribution has contributed to my life journey and I will always keep this in my mind.

As a student from Houston, I attended two of the most high poverty schools high schools in the district, but that never defined me. I always fought to create a better environment and a better image for my community. After a lot of hard work and a lot of college applications, I was accepted to Texas A&M University. After that day, my college journey began.

My first year at Texas A&M, has been a crazy one. I have been stressed out about finals and I have been stressed out about projects, but I have also enjoyed my time with friends and the activities I have done at my university. Yes, I had a hard time with my academics during my first year in college, but I've been able to learn from my mistakes and I am still in the fight to succeed. Let me tell you that your donation will have a deeper impact in people, because thanks to your donation I have been able to finish my first year at Texas A&M, a year in which I have accomplished things that will help many students in the years to come.

During my first year I have been able to start my own organization, which will focus on preparing Latino leaders for the future, through activities that will also help the community in Bryan and College Station. Your donation is more than just money, your donation provides hope in my life and it affects others through my actions.

After my first year in college, I want to thank you for the gratitude you have shown. As a young college student, you have invested both in my present and into my future. I will forever thank you in my heart for your generous donation. If you wish to ask me any further questions, please don't hesitate to do so. I'm willing to explain to you how your donation has helped me.

Sincerely,

Jefferson Sanchez
Sharpstown High School graduate, 2013
Texas A & M freshman
First generation college student

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I want to take the time to thank Ms..Kravetz for informing me about the 11 1/2 St Foundation scholarship and the donors for supporting the foundation.

As a first-generation college student, the cost of college piles up really quickly and as a result being awarded a scholarship helps reduce that burden greatly. I am so happy that I was awarded this scholarship. Personally I used some of the money to buy a laptop and the rest to buy books for my first semester in college. My laptop is a priceless device because of how much of a value it has been for me. I use it every single day for taking notes, submitting assignments, and other school related activities. I did not see the great importance in having my very own laptop until I started college. Granted at home, my family has a desktop, but nothing substitutes having an electronic device that basically has your entire "life" within easy reach, no matter where you happen to be. The convenience of having my own laptop is the icing on top of my cake.

I really do appreciate all the donors that donate to this scholarship and I hope that hearing my experience will convince you that this scholarship foundation is doing great things in the lives of college students. Once again thank you very much, I can't find the right words to express how grateful I am for this scholarship, but hopefully everything I've already said convinces you!

Cynthia Koboo
Davis HS 2013
University of Texas freshman
First generation college student

I am writing this letter to thank you, for providing funds for the 11 ½ St Foundation Scholarship. I am a 2013 scholarship recipient and I am grateful for receiving the scholarship. This scholarship has helped me buy books and pay for other college expenses.

I am currently attending the University of Houston and my first year here was exciting, fun, and challenging. At first I was a little nervous to enter college- not knowing what I was going to expect in my first semester- but as the days pass I felt part of the University. I finished my first year in college with a 3.5 GPA.

Thank you again for helping out graduating seniors like me by providing funds for the 11 ½ St. Foundation Scholarship!

Angelica
Davis High School 2013
University of Houston-Main Campus
First generation college student

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