

May 20, 2020
Sylvia Denman Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth Wesley Youth Merit Incentive Award Program
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Tacoma, WA 98411

Dear Elizabeth Wesley Youth Merit Incentive Award Program,
What an honor it is to have been chosen as the recipient of the Sylvia Denman Memorial Scholarship. This will be a tremendous help to me as I work to meet the remaining funds needed to begin my freshman year at Columbia University.

I will be the first to earn a college degree in my family and have pursued this goal throughout my educational years. I attended PAGE classes at Kalles Junior High and completed 10 Advanced Placement classes at Puyallup High School: Psychology, U.S. Government, U.S. History, Statistics, Biology, Physics, Seminar, Research, English Literature, and Spanish. I love art and my drawings were displayed at the Washington State Fair.

I had the opportunity to volunteer for a week in Vietnam to distribute water filters and teach villagers how to use them to drink clean safe water. I was a member of the service club, Viking Nights. I volunteered as a coach for a Youth Football Camp. I was selected by the PHS staff as one of the twenty Outstanding Seniors for 2019-2020. I developed an interest in human behavior during my AP Psychology class and have continued reading on that topic. I have decided to follow an academic path at Columbia toward the goal of becoming a Psychiatrist.

Football is a passion of mine and I played at Kalles Junior High and for four years at Puyallup High School. I was fortunate to receive Lineman of the Year for the Puyallup Vikings in 2018 and 2019, Viking of the Year for 2019, SPSL 1st team in 2018 and 2019, All-league Offensive Lineman of the Year, and All-state 1st Team Offensive Lineman. I was recruited by ten universities including six Ivy League Schools and was thrilled to accept the offer from Columbia University in New York.

I accept this gift with humble gratitude. This scholarship will help me meet the financial requirements for my first year. I do not know when I might be headed to New York because of our situation, but your generous scholarship is an important contribution in allowing me to attend Columbia.

Sincerely,



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