



Dear <First Name>,

I had a difficult choice to make.

Musical theater is a tough field to break into; you need real, hands-on experience with the stage. It takes time, and lots of it — time I was already pouring into my job.

Even with the hours I was working, I was only chipping away at the bills. Between rent, groceries and tuition payments, something had to give. Additional health expenses and a change to my course schedule were the tipping point; I was officially past due on my student account.

That’s when the Rally Mizzou scholarship came through.

It was a one-time gift, and that’s all I needed to get my feet back under me. My remaining balance was surmountable. I had food on the table. And most importantly, I could devote myself to what I was actually here to do — develop the skills I’d need for my future.

I finished the semester with all A’s, and expanded my skill set to include sound engineering and music production. I was also able to develop great connections with theater professionals and directors around the country, which I’ll be putting to use after graduation.

There are so many students out there like me. Thanks to help from generous donors, I’ve overcome the roadblocks that stood in my way. More than that, I’ve been able to make the most of the opportunities I’ve already been given. Scholarships change lives, and I’m so thankful to those that helped change mine.

Support Rally Mizzou today — any gift, any amount, can make a difference to someone who needs that extra boost. Help change a life by supporting a Mizzou student today.



Joel M. Rodriguez
Senior, Music & Theatre Performance
2021 Rally Mizzou Recipient

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**Learn more about opportunities to
support our students**

The Rally Mizzou fund awards scholarships to upperclassmen who need financial assistance to pay their tuition bills. Often, these students need less than \$2,000 to stay enrolled and keep progressing toward graduation. #

Hear how the Rally Mizzou [scholarship gave Joel the chance he needed.](#) #

For Joel, the Rally Mizzou scholarship allowed him to get his feet back under him and finish the semester with all A's. Give others like Joel the same opportunity to change their lives by making your gift today. #

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