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Dear <<Preferred Name>>,

I remember the exact moment I found out about receiving my scholarship. I was on a phone call to talk about tuition and didn't understand the number I was given. "But I'm taking four classes" I said. "Yes," she responded, "and you received the Trustee Scholarship." I was struck speechless. To know that a school trusted my potential, especially being an older student with years between my last time in school, was truly special. **If I felt nervous about going back to school before, after learning that, I felt empowered and inspired.** The fire of drive and initiative to put in my best work and make positive change on campus had sparked. There really was someone who had faith in me.

As a transfer student from a large public, state university, I can feel the difference of a close-knit community at Puget Sound. Small class sizes allow direct relationships with professors that simply are not possible in 100-student lectures. A selective student body on an open but condensed campus means seeing familiar faces every day, creating community around common watering holes like the student center, library, gym, and coffee shops. I feel very lucky to be a stitch in the intricately-woven Puget Sound fabric.

You are also a part of that same fabric which spans many generations of Loggers. The generosity of the Puget Sound community has fueled academic excellence and the experience of a lifetime for myself and many others. Your support directly benefits students' education and participation in extracurriculars, and the overall wellbeing of our campus community. Our student body thrives because of donors like you.

I hope that you will consider supporting the Puget Sound Fund with a gift of \$<<PSF Ask Amount>> so that future students can have the same opportunities

for personal growth and scholarly distinction that I've had as a Puget Sound student.

As I enter my final few weeks at Puget Sound, I look forward to a respite from schoolwork but know I will miss these days soon enough. **I've been reflecting on what campus experiences impacted me the most and I can honestly say that receiving my scholarship is at the top of the list.** I felt inspired to work hard knowing someone invested in my potential.

Thank you, again, for your support. Gifts like yours are crucial for students, like me, to learn and grow among the blooming society that is the University of Puget Sound.

Sincerely,



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Emma enjoying the sun on campus