

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wang,

My name is Ari Jalomo and I am a first year student from Southern California attending Kenyon College. I am one of the recipients of the Holly and Douglas Y. Wang '78 Endowed Scholarship Fund and I write this letter to you as a big thank you for your generosity towards myself and other students attending Kenyon. When I was going through the process of finding a college I would attend for the next four years of my life I would have never imagined that I would choose Kenyon. I was looking for an environment that would allow me to continue my softball career while giving me the opportunity to prioritize my education while also continuing to discover my passions and beliefs outside of these responsibilities.

When I came to visit Kenyon I found that this space has everything I was wishing for and more. I ultimately chose this campus because of the gut feeling that this place was going to be perfect for me and I am glad to say that my gut feeling was 110% correct. However, receiving this opportunity to attend Kenyon would not have been possible without the generous financial assistance I was given. Receiving this scholarship makes a difference in my life because I was able to take a huge weight off of my mom's shoulders who has been a single mom for the majority of my life and works everyday to support me and pay for my tuition. The finances of college tuition was definitely one of the factors that impacted my decision and I was so thankful that my needs could be met to allow me to learn in this beautiful environment.

A few other fun facts about myself are that I am currently on the Varsity Softball Team and am part of the campus club Sisterhood ! These groups allow me to connect with others outside of the classroom and those who I met through the KEEP Summer Program. I just recently declared my psychology major and have so far taken classes such as Calculus 2, Biology, Spanish, Women's and Genders Studies, and Psychology. I love how I am able to explore all of the departments here ! After Kenyon I hope to attend graduate school and earn a Ph.D in Psychology with the plan of becoming a child psychologist. As a child who experienced grief at a young age I am extremely passionate about grief in children and hope that I can make a difference in this part of the human population in the future. I have been involved with the non profit organization known as Comfort Zone Camp both as a camper and volunteer member for multiple years and consider this organization to be a huge motivating factor towards wanting to become a child psychologist in the future.

I hope that this letter leaves you with knowing a little more about who I am and once again I would like to thank you so much for investing in students such as myself ! It

means the world to me for my college education to be supported by others and your generosity does not go unnoticed !

I hope you have a great rest of your day,

Ari Jalomo

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