

Dear Adrienne and Sheldon,

Hi!! I hope this warm weather we have been getting in Gambier has also reached your home! I am Subin, a freshman who is receiving the Kimber Family Scholarship from Kenyon college. I am from Powell, Ohio which is not too far from Kenyon. I have been realizing more recently that having a home very close to the college has tons of benefits. Going back home from time to time and seeing people I missed sometimes gives me a huge break from all those things going on in Gambier. But in my second semester, I am trying to limit myself from going home not as often because I found myself not having adequate time to spend with my new friends here.

One of the biggest reasons why I chose Kenyon was because I wanted to have a small setting where I could have a very tight connection with my friends and also with my professors. At first, I was not super sure if I would be able to fit in Kenyon because of how isolated and different it is from the suburban setting I used to have. But unlike my worries, it has been very interesting. With a lot of my friends living in the same dorm as I am, Lewis, it is very easy for me to reach out to them and be closer to them. From time to time when Mt. Vernon gets a little boring, me and my friends go to either the Easton mall or Columbus to have weekend nights out. I love having this freedom of being whatever we can do which is something I have never had in my life. I heard a lot of my friends are going to try to apply for south campus next year, especially Bushnell, so I am a little sad but I hope this becomes an opportunity for me to see new people! I am thinking about Watson next year or Bexley if sophomores can live there. Bexley is under renovation currently and I heard that it'll be done after the summer so I am excited!

I am planning to major in either molecular biology or biochemistry. I think all the biology stuff that we've learned so far including gene expression and protein synthesis are very interesting and I want to learn more about it! But my favorite class so far would be my biology lab with professor McMahon. She makes the class an energetic and comfortable space. We are going to start an independent project soon right after our spring break and me being in charge of designing the project for the first time ever gives me a huge responsibility that I enjoy having.

Some of the things I enjoy doing is tutoring at the Wiggin elementary school. I signed up for 5th grade math class and it is very fulfilling. Even the times I feel under the weather, those kids smiling at me and talking to me gives me power to go through a day. I am planning to keep doing that! Also, I recently joined Archon which is neither frats or sorority but rather a little community where people get together and do community volunteer work. I still haven't been able to find "My people" yet so I think this would be a great chance for me to see people who are outside of the science quad.

I hope my message brought you a little memory back from good college days and I hope to talk to you again!!

Best,

Subin Kim