

Dear Ms. Graham,

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Mother's Day Scholarship. Thanks to your generous support my goal of becoming the first college graduate in my family is becoming a reality. I came to the United States from Ecuador when I was seven years old. Living in a new country without knowing any English life was very difficult for me. My parents never had the opportunity to receive a good education in Ecuador. They taught me as I grew up that education is one of the most important things in life. Both of my parents have worked very hard to make sure my two younger sisters and I always have what we need to concentrate on our education. Thanks to their hard work I am the first in my family to attend college. I have taken the responsibility to teach my two younger sisters about the importance of receiving a college education and leading them to a bright future.

This is my second semester at Hunter College since transferring from La Guardia Community College and I have been working very hard to succeed here at Hunter. I have made the Dean's List for three semesters at La Guardia Community college and my hard work has also led me to make the Dean's List this past semester here at Hunter. I have also been also involved in volunteer work at Elmhurst Hospital in Queens, NY for the past year. Your generous donation helps me in obtaining my dual degree in computer science and environmental studies. I have a great passion for computers and a love for the environment and it has led me to pursue career fields where I can incorporate both. Thanks to your generous donation I am able to concentrate less on finding ways to pay for my textbooks, school materials and transportation and concentrate more on my classes. Your donation helps me plan ahead without worrying about expenses.

I cannot be any more grateful for the help you have given me. Your donation is helping me to complete my college career and achieve my goals. Your generosity also motivates me to do my best so that in the future I can also help students achieve their goals. I greatly appreciate having you as a donor.

Thank You.

D.C., 2017 Olga Graham Scholar