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July 15, 2021

Donors of the Lu Brown Legacy Scholarship
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Dear Donors of the Lu Brown Legacy Scholarship:

I am writing to thank you for awarding me a scholarship to use towards my tuition at Eastern Washington University, as a Master of Social Work student for the 2021-2022 academic year. I have completed my first year of study and will begin my second and final year of the MSW program this coming Fall. I will continue my practicum training as a clinical social work intern at a local middle school and am excited to embark on the advanced portion of my academic study in this program.

I am truly thankful that I was considered and chosen for this scholarship. These funds will allow me to focus more on my studies and training and give me the freedom to pursue a career that advocates for social justice upon graduation.

Sincerely,

Natalie Bissiri

Mike Calvert

2nd Year MSW Student E.W.U.

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June 9, 2021

Dear Donors of the Lu Brown Legacy Scholarship,

I personally want to thank you for this scholarship award you have presented me. This means a lot to me as this will certainly ease the financial cost of tuition for my second-year graduate program in social work. I had the chance to have Lu Brown as a professor when I was an undergrad at Eastern Washington University, and she was the main reason for my passion for social work. I hope as I continue in my career, I can make her proud of the work I accomplish in social work. Lu Brown was inspirational for us to do better for not only our selves but in our community for those who need assistance. I am honored for this consideration and thank you.

I have accomplished my first year in the MSW program with a GPA of 3.83. I have also completed 6 months with the Spokane Fire Department C.A.R.E.S. team practicum site with over 300 hours working to assist those in the Spokane County that need social services or resources to live safer and healthier lives. My plans are to of course graduate with my MSW from Eastern Washington University and work at Frontier Behavioral Health towards my license (LCSW).

Because of your generous scholarship, I will continue to work hard towards my goals in social work and try to make a positive impact in my community.

Again, I thank you for your generosity and look forward to doing great work in social work!

Sincerely,

Mike Calvert

2nd Year MSW student

Eastern Washington University

rs of the Lu Brown Legacy Scholarship,

this letter to express my sincerest gratitude and to attempt to convey to you the level of pride I feel in being chosen as a recipient of this scholarship. I had the great honor of learning from Lu Brown for a year during my social work bachelor's program in the practicum preparation course and have carried her wisdom with me throughout my career. Social work practice requires flexibility, strength, insight, and careful use of self. In times of frustration or when the path forward is unclear, Lu Brown's voice encourages me to pause and look inward. The question, "what skill am I being called on to develop?" pushes me to continually work towards self-improvement and professional development and I share this piece of Lu with me wherever I go as well. An incredible asset to the field of social work and academia, Lu Brown continues to live on today through each person she touched during her life. My gratitude as a recipient of this scholarship goes well beyond the very impactful financial relief it grants. Being connected to Lu Brown's legacy makes me a better person and I will continue to share her guidance and insight with every professional I work with and in my interactions with the amazing individuals I serve. I am a better social worker and a better human having known such an incredible woman, even for a very short time.

Furthermore, I have accomplished a bachelor's degree in social work, graduating summa cum laude and was accepted into the advanced standing Master of Social Work program, allowing me to join my cohort at the mid-level. I have been lucky enough to find an agency whose values align with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics, which coincides with my personal and professional values and beliefs, and my current position is the ideal agency standard. At Volunteers of America in the Permanent Supportive Housing program, I progressed from bachelor's practicum student to case manager, and I am now a program supervisor earning the advanced competencies required for my MSW practicum. My degree and career in social work have given me true fulfillment in my career and VOA affords me a fantastic environment in which to grow, learn, and to be challenged while feeling genuinely supported all the way from my team up to the CEO.

I intend to stay with Volunteers of America after obtaining my master's degree, possibly transferring to the new behavioral health unit to work towards gaining licensure. My goals and areas of focus have changed throughout my academic and professional journey, and I have found passion in a wide array of areas such as crisis response, developing trainings for staff, and presenting about my journey and harm reduction to the resident leaders at Providence, which were not things I had considered doing before. Flexible goals allow me to naturally grow into myself as a professional while the foundational goal of lifelong learning and becoming an amazing social worker grounds me. This scholarship will assist me in solidifying my foundation and allow me to continue to grow and thrive as a social worker, wherever my journey takes me.

Thank you for seeing something in me and choosing me as a recipient of this scholarship.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Earl, MSW Candidate

Andre Sebero
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To the Donors of The Donors of the Lu Brown Legacy Scholarship:

Thank you for choosing me as a recipient of the 2020-2021 Lu Brown Legacy Scholarship. It means so much to me and my family, especially in these difficult times. As you know i have been on quite the journey and continue to push forward in life by putting my education at the forefront of my mission. With your support, I will continue with my studies to become a person for the people with a Master's in Social Work. Ultimately, I plan to work with the youth and hopefully inspire them to make this educational journey.

Thank you once again for choosing me as a recipient.

Sincerely,

Andre Sebero

To The Donors of the Lu Brown Legacy Scholarship,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to continue to work towards my goals in the social services field. It is a great honor to be a recipient of this award, and I appreciate the dedication and collaboration you have with Eastern Washington University.

With this scholarship, I will go on to complete my final year of my Master's in Social Work and graduate in June 2022. After graduation, I hope to begin working on the macro level of social work implementing and pushing for more humane and inclusive policies for our community. I have had the opportunity to work as a co-chair for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee during practicum this past year and I am beginning to find my footing and what really drives me!

Please accept my letter of thanks and gratitude.

You are very much appreciated.

Rayanna Tensley