

Dear Elks Scholarship Fund:

I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the impact that your 2019-2020 scholarship had on my success in my second year of college at Penn State Behrend. Your generosity allowed me to concentrate on my education at Penn State Behrend which resulted in me earning a 3.94 cumulative GPA. I am continuing to pursue a major in Mechanical Engineering while earning an associate degree in General Business and a minor in Biomedical Engineering. My goal is to finish schooling and get a job in the medical industry making essential medical equipment.

Although academics are my number one focus, I have become extremely involved in the Behrend and Erie communities. This year I held leadership positions in both Behrend Benefitting THON and Lion Ambassadors. I was also a Lion Scout/Tour Guide, Welcome Week Guide, and I attended Alternative Spring Break in San Antonio Texas. I was also inducted into the Engineering Honors Fraternity, Tau Beta Pi this spring.

Within Behrend Benefitting THON, I had the opportunity to:

- Served as a Special Events Co-chair, organizing and overseeing 7 events
- Organized the 24-hour dance marathon on campus
- Dance in our 24-hour dance marathon and personally raise over \$700 for THON
- Help fundraise over \$59,000 for Behrend (record total)
- Attend "Big THON" at University Park & support our PSB dancers on the floor
- Voted the "Executive Board Member of the Year"
- Become the Executive Director for the 2020-2021 academic year

As a Lion Ambassador, I was able to:

- Serve as the Service Chair for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years
- Organize a Christmas Toy Drive for four children
- Feed 23 families Thanksgiving meals
- Organize a food drive bingo to benefit our on-campus food pantry
- Make blankets for a local shelter
- Organized Adopt a Highway
- Promoted lions to serve while online through Free Rice (donated 469,330 grains of rice)
- Offer campus tours at open houses
- Voted the "Sweetest Lion", "Most Helpful Lion", and "Most likely to Volunteer"

Through Alternative Spring Break, a service group on campus, I was able to:

- Travel to San Antonio over Spring Break to serve the community
- Served at the University of Texas San Antonio, Ronald McDonald House, Headwater Sanctuary, San Antonio Food Bank, and Habitat for Humanity
- 1 of 20 students chosen to go on the trip with 4 trip leaders and 4 advisors

Engineering/Leadership Opportunities:

- Completed the Behrend Honors Program
- Society of Women in Engineering Member
- Induced into Tau Beta Pi, Honors Engineering Fraternity
- Attended the Leadership Conference 2020
- Summer 2019 Internship with GE Transportation: A Wabtec Company
- Summer 2020 Internship with Parker Lord Corporation

My experiences in school have helped guide and secure internships for the past two summers. Summer of 2019, I was an intern for General Electric Transportation: A Wabtec Company, where I worked in the Control Configuration Engineering Department. I learned how to make customer documents as well as how to make changes to the bill of materials. I developed a paint scheme reference book for the company and started a 3D paint scheme process for the paint shop. This summer 2020, I am interning with Parker Lord Corporation where I will work within the fixed wing department.

I am extremely excited to see what my future holds and to continue my education at Penn State Behrend. Thank you for allowing me to continue my education and continue to serve my community. If it were not for your generosity, I would not have been able to accomplish as much because I would have had to spend my spare time working to afford the college expenses.

Thank you again,

Jennifer Gustafson



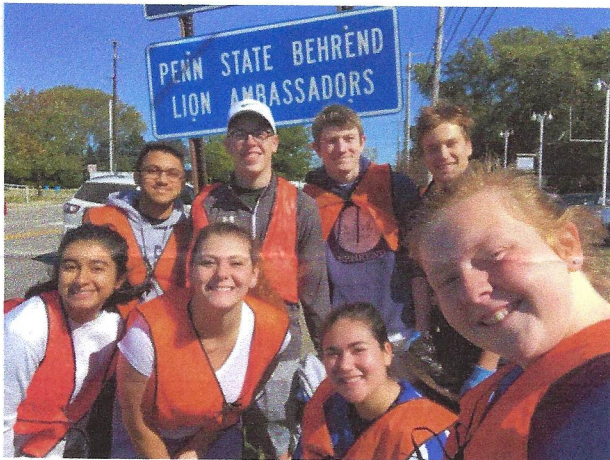
Photo with Chancellor Ford after I gave an address at the Behrend Endowed Scholars Award Ceremony.



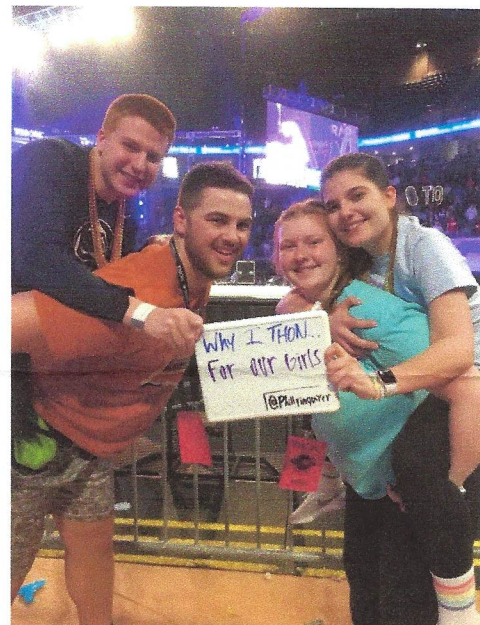
The special events chair and captains at the end of 24 FAC.



ASB in San Antonio, Texas



Lion Ambassadors participating in Adopt a Highway clean-up.



THON 2020 with two of our 5 Behrend dancers.