

Dear Ted Davis & Tri-Cities Wine Society,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Tri-Cities Wine Society Scholarship. Thank you for your generous donation through this scholarship. This has allowed me to reduce the financial burden of the rising cost of my college education. Receiving this scholarship has impacted my college experience greatly by allowing me to find more time to focus on my studies.

I am from a small town called Benton City, WA. Initially I was born in Pasco, WA but have grown up and currently live in Benton City, WA. I have two older sisters and two older brothers, I'm the youngest one. All of my older sibling's went to college except for one, who unfortunately passed away before he got the opportunity to go. My oldest sister graduated with a major in psychology at Central Washington State University, and just now got her master's in education at Arizona State University. The other two siblings of mine went to charter college for the programs of medical assistant and HVAC/R. Both of my parents did not have the opportunity to have a proper education due to the circumstance that they were in Mexico. As a daughter of immigrant parents who came from Mexico to this state with nothing, I plan and will pay them in return by graduating from college with a major and two minors. Thankfully I have the grand opportunity to full fill my education because of scholarships such as the Tri-Cities Wine Society Scholarship.



I've just finished my junior year this spring and will be a senior this fall. My GPA is a 3.1 with a completion of 89 credits by taking classes as a full-time student for the last three years. Apart from my major in Viticulture and Enology, I'm double minoring in Horticulture and Business Administration. This fall I will complete my internship at a local winery in my hometown. I will have the opportunity to apply all the knowledge that I have learned over the past years to actual work. My goal is to be able to complete my degree here at the WSU Tri-Cities campus next spring. When I was in high school, I only participated in two sports, basketball and tennis. Some awards that I received when I was a high school student were honor roll; principal honor roll; student of the month; and most improved team player. My four years of high school I was a member of the club Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Now that I am a college student, I was a member of the Dreamers club my freshman and sophomore years. My academic goals are to keep up my good grades; increase my GPA; stop procrastinating; and encourage myself to be more active in class discussions.

As I complete my education at WSU Tri-Cities, I am truly grateful for receiving your thoughtful and generous donation through this scholarship. Because of your scholarship Ted Davis, it will positively impact my future by motivating me to maintain my GPA and complete my degree. I thank you for your trust and willingness to help me achieve my dreams.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Y. Rivera