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Reza Arianenzhad

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SERVICES - COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dear Edison STEM Scholarship - West,

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Edison STEM Scholarship - West. I was very happy to learn that I was a recipient of the Edison STEM Scholarship - West. I am writing to thank you for your generous, financial support towards my higher education.

I am a computer science major and I plan to pursue a programming career at a professional level. I am currently a junior at West Los Angeles College and plan to transfer to a four-year university in the fall of 2020. After graduation, I will seek employment at one of the big companies like Google, Instagram or Facebook. I hope my journey will inspire other students to achieve higher education.

By awarding me the Edison STEM Scholarship - West. I am able to concentrate on what is important to me, education. Your financial generosity has allowed me to be one step closer to my goal and has inspired me to help others by giving back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help other students achieve their goal just as you have helped me.

Once again, thank you for supporting the students of West LA College.

Your generosity truly makes a difference.

Reza Arianenzhad

Alyze Bennett

PHYSICAL SCIENCES - COMPREHENSIVE SCIENCE

Dear Edison International,

I am writing to say thank you for your heart warming \$1000 Edison STEM Scholarship. I was blown away and very blessed to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship. This means a lot to me and I appreciate you guys for selecting me as the recipient of the Edison STEM Scholarship. This will truly benefit me in an enormous way and help me further pay for my education.

I am a West LA college student who is currently going to be graduating this June and transferring to the Cal state University of Northridge to pursue my bachelor's degree. This award is a blessing for me because I've gone through so much in my life, for someone who has never met me to believe in me and gift me a scholarship motivates me to push even harder to become the man god wants me to be. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to my goals.

By awarding me the Edison International scholarship, you have significantly lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning, and advancing my education. Your generosity has inspired me that no matter how tough or cruel this world can be, there are still good people out there and giving back to those in need can change lives. One day when I am in a financially secure position I will make sure I give back to others education and goals as you've done for me.

Sincerely,

Alyze Bennett

Christopher Cruz

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SERVICES - COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dear Edison International,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for selecting myself for the 2018-2019 Edison STEM Scholarship. I am very much appreciative for your generous support as it will go a long way in aiding me in my educational journey. I never expected for this to happen, but am forever grateful that it did. Hearing the news of having been selected as a recipient put one of the biggest smiles on my face and has brought great pride in my family. This will not only support me financially, but will further drive my motivation to learn and succeed.

Five years ago, having dropped out of college due to financial reasons and my mother being diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer, it was hard for me to find purpose. Being stuck in a job I didn't like and having such hardships at home put me in a difficult state both physically and mentally. With my mother recovering and me now having the time to go back to school and finish my education, this helped me find a better purpose, to learn from these experiences and grow from them instead of them hindering me from moving on. Now, I am studying full-time in Computer Science to achieve my dream career of being a Software Developer/Programmer. Ever since I was young, I've always taken a liking to anything new in technology. Now, I am finally pursuing my interest and passion and I am fully dedicated to be a part of this technological wave. My dream is to be part of something technological that will help change modern life for the public for the better and this scholarship will be put toward achieving that dream.

There is simply not enough words to express my gratitude, but I have tried my best to put it into words. Knowing that it is not only my family, but others out there as well that believe in me and my journey has driven me even more to succeed. Your support has opened new doors for me and the future has not looked anymore bright than it does now. It is donors such as yourself that help dreams achieve their goals and I too wish to be that one day for another as you have been there for me.

Best wishes,

Christopher Cruz

Rosalyn Diaz

NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION - WILDLIFE AND WILDERNESS MANAGEMENT

To Edison International and the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges,

A few days ago I received a call that had me in shock. The timing could not be any better. You were able to put a large smile on my face that had my cheeks hurting by the end of the day. Words cannot express how truly grateful I am to have received this award but I will try to do my best.

This year has been a rather difficult one. My father just had a stroke and well it's a long way to recovery. My sisters and I try to help to the best of our abilities but his change in temperament has made it a bit more difficult. I quit a job that I had for two years this February because commuting from school, work, home, and appointments did not leave me with many hours in the day. As a first generation college student in the STEM field I just knew I could not let school go. I had come so far. I found myself constantly calculating prices of textbooks from different sites for days before I found the best deals. I waited about two months to purchase one book due to the constant fear of being in debt. I had to plan out where I would get the money for transportation and whether index cards, pencils, and folders were really worth buying. However, a few days ago my days of worrying were over. I am truly grateful that you were all able to help me financially and emotionally. As finals are approaching I have lost one large portion of this stress I've been carrying around. My time can now be shifted towards my studies and will allow me to pay for school essentials without the stress.

Again, I have no words to express this gratitude I have bubbled up inside of me but thank you, truly. I promise you this award will be put to great use and I will make sure this was awarded without any regret or doubts. Also, thank you for doing this for many other students. I'm sure I speak for most of us when I say this award only make us want to work harder for our dreams. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Rosalyn Diaz

Silverman Ea

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SERVICES - COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

I would like to extend to you my sincerest thanks. It is not every day that young individuals like myself are afforded the opportunity that you have graciously given to me. Although it may seem like this gift is something small, rest assured you have given something that transcends monetary value. Hope, which is what you have really given to me. A hope that when you are willing to put in hard work and persevere forward instead of giving up on your dreams you will attract the goodwill of people that will reach out and pull you toward it. I feel like a great burden has been lifted from me, something I haven't felt in a long time and it is all thanks to you and your contribution.

I am not someone that grew up in a wealthy family. My mother was only able to work at fast food restaurants due to her lack of an education. My father is a stranger to me. My family comes from a very small country called Cambodia, which was the center of inhuman atrocities around the time of a communist revolution. My family suffered greatly from that but your investment will allow me move past that and create a stronger foundation for the generations of my family to come.

Thank you again for your investment in me, it will not go forgotten.

Sincerely,

Silverman Ea

Inaki Fernandez Salinas

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SERVICES - COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dear Southern California Edison and Edison International:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous \$1000 Edison STEM Scholarship. As one of this year's recipients, I am grateful for the opportunities this award will provide me. I rely on financial aid, grants and student loans to help finance my education. Receiving this scholarship will help reduce my financial burdens and provide assistance for me as I continue pursuing my education.

I am currently majoring in Math, Sciences & Computer Science in West Los Angeles College. I plan to graduate this spring of 2019. After graduation, I will attend CSU Dominguez Hills to earn my degree in Computer Technology, in the specialization of Homeland Security. Succeed in my educational career is especially important to me since I will be the first member in my family to earn a college degree. It was not easy to work full time, take care of my family and excel in my studies. However, thanks to you, I am one step closer to the goal of earning my college degree.

By awarding me the Edison STEM Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Sincerely,

Inaki Fernandez Salinas

Harold Flint

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SERVICES - COMPUTER SCIENCE

I'm truly grateful for this award since I'm not able to afford material for school since I have to help my sister out with my niece. Since my niece's father died three weeks after my niece was born. This award will help me complete my degree on time and relieve the financial stress that often as a student. I hope to inspire to become a software engineer one day I teach her the things I learn from as she gets older.

Sincerely,

Harold Flint

Shayla Hempen

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY - ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Dear Edison International,

I am young, ambitious, adventurous, bold, and ready to learn everything I can. So I want to thank you for the opportunity to further my education and provide support toward my degrees and ambitions. You have given me, and others students like me, the chance to achieve more than they could ever think possible. Thus, I thank you, thank you for your donation, thank you for this program, thank you for your time, and most of all thank you for believing me to even investment in my future.

When I first started college I will admit people thought I was crazy for leaving my home in Las Vegas to take care of my grandma who suffered a stroke in Los Angeles and taking five classes in my first semester. Although I received little financial help, I aimed high. My goal as to achieve a degree in multiple sections of engineering. I am the youngest in my family and the only one on track to actually earn a degree.

Sincerely,

Shayla Hempen

Kimari Kubota

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SERVICES - COMPUTER SCIENCE

Edison International:

I just received notice that I was a recipient of your award. I am writing this letter to let you know how grateful and appreciative I am for being selected, it helps relieve some of the pressures of being a single mom of two children that are also attending college.

As a student in the LA Community College District, this award will help me be to be successful by reducing some of the obstacles that come with working full time, having three family members in college at the same time all on one income. I will be able to get my required books, materials and maybe even a laptop, as we are currently sharing one. There have been many occasions where I thought I may need to put my education on hold again, just because of the hardship it brings. This award will surely make my success at West LA College inevitable.

Thank you again for your generous award. I promise to continue to work hard in pursuing my degree, this money helps to ensure that my education does not have to be put on hold again.

Gratefully,

Kimari Kubota

Arvin Mahmoudbeik

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SERVICES - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Dear Edison International,

I would like to sincerely thank you for selecting me as the recipient of the Edison STEM scholarship for the year 2019-2020 academic year at West Los Angeles College. I am truly thankful for your financial assistance and commitment towards students' educational advancement.

One of my greatest dreams has been earning an Associate degree in Network security management at West Los Angeles College, and this would never have been possible by now without generous donor like you who are awarding scholarship which covers my tuition fees in full.

I cannot thank you enough for giving me the financial support that will enable me to keep pursuing my academic career. I only hope that one day I can make meaningful contributions to the educational pursuits of future students just as you have made my dream a reality through scholarship.

Sincerely Yours,

Arvin Mahmoudbeik

Javier Reyes

ENGINEERING - ELECTRICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING

I am writing this letter to thank Edison International in helping me achieve my dreams. This scholarship will help ensure my future academic success in that I can spend more time on academic material and physics projects. I will be transferring to CSUN as an electrical engineer and having financial assistance will really help ensure my efforts towards pursuing my goals.

While in WLAC this scholarship will provide me with funds to cover material cost for student projects as well as the time required to perform these experiments and labs. So I really want to say thank you and that I greatly appreciate the donor's investment into my education and the future.

Sincerely,

Javier Reyes

Rifka Tayeb Dabbabi

ENGINEERING - BIOENGINEERING

Dear Edison International,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the generous \$1,000.00 Edison STEM Scholarship - West possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

My major, currently, is Biology. I plan to pursue a career in biomedical Engineering, upon graduating from West Los Angeles College. I am planning to graduate in the spring 2020. After graduation, I will attend UCLA to earn my engineering degree. Being accepted to University of California, Los Angeles is my big dream, but, as a mother of two autistic kids, who need so much care, so much of my time, and so much expenses for activities and training to help them integrate in the society, the high tuition and fees for UCLA were always a dilemma to reach my dream.

This scholarship is really as described "Realize your big dreams in STEM with a scholarship from Southern California Edison". Your generosity broaden my horizons. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses, and it will allow me to concentrate more of my time for studying.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise you I will work very hard and eventually give something back to others, both as a Biomedical Engineer and possibly a scholarship to future students like myself.

Sincerely,

Rifka Tayeb Dabbabi

Mikael H. Wondu

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SERVICES - INFORMATION SYSTEMS

I am writing this letter to thank you, Edison International, for selecting me as a recipient of this fantastic scholarship opportunity. I would also like to thank the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges for giving my family and me this scholarship.

Growing up in a low-income household makes it challenging to acquire necessities like textbooks that are essential to our success. I have chosen to look at the difficulties that arise from financial challenges as a challenge that I know I can complete. However, programs like this that offer help students mean so much to my family and me.

I want to thank West LA College and the Edison International organization for giving me this fantastic opportunity. This scholarship will go towards reducing my expenses with textbooks, supplies, tuition, and a few bills at home. Receiving this scholarship will also allow me to focus even more on my curriculums because I have fewer expenses that could become a distraction. I am also inspired to get involved in philanthropic activities and to start my scholarship foundation in the future. I hope to help future students just as I have received assistance from this organization.

Sincerely,

Mikael H. Wondu

Marlon M. Campbell Jr.

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SERVICES - COMPUTER SCIENCE

To the generous donor of this scholarship,

I'm writing this letter to show all of my gratitude to everyone who was involved in making this scholarship possible. I'm extremely ecstatic to have had this opportunity to apply for the scholarship and win it.

Since I'm a computer science major I'm happy to have won this scholarship because it means I can invest in a new laptop that will be able to handle all my programming work I will need in the near future. I can get ahead of the game this summer by starting early with my programming and having fun with it. It'll also save me a lot of time because I'll be able to bring my homework with me wherever I go and not have to rely on library computers as much.

Once again, I want to thank the generous donor of the Edison STEM Scholarship for being able to inspire me to do better and giving me some tools to help me further my education. I will commit to giving my all with this scholarship and putting it to good use. I will take this giant step forward to my future with a sense of relief and happiness.

Thank you again,

Marlon M. Campbell Jr.

Sophia N. Daniel

MATHEMATICS

Dear Edison International,

As a student from an underestimated community, I am very honored to receive this award. Thank you so much for believing in my achievements and my willingness to advance my education. I am very thankful for receiving this Edison STEM Scholarship. With donors and providers like you within our community this helps us achieve confidence and advance.

My name is Sophia Daniel and I am community college student at Los Angeles Southwest College. I will be graduating this year and obtaining an associate's degree in mathematics and natural science. I will also become a junior with a major of Biology entering a four year university this fall. I am very thankful and will make sure to use this scholarship to advance within my STEM studies.

Sincerely,

Sophia N. Daniel

Miguel Angel Davila

PHYSICAL SCIENCES - COMPREHENSIVE SCIENCE

Greetings Scholarship Sponsor,

My name is Miguel Angel Davila and I am cordially writing this letter of thanks to you. I have been notified, by my institution of higher education, of me being a recipient of your STEM Scholarship Award; and I am thrilled. This validates for me my efforts and quest to continue to pursue education in science. I appreciate your organization for making this award to me possible for being a student in college. I credit you for the opportunity. This is something that I will accept with fortitude. Your award will serve as recognition of a unique individual pursuing his dreams in a field that he considers to be his passion. Much Thanks.

Truly,

Miguel Angel Davila

Ayodele A. Delarosa

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Dear Edison International,

Thank you so much for the choosing me as one of the recipients of your scholarship. It was a great honor bestowed unto me. As a matter of fact, this scholarship will go a long way in taking care of some of my educational needs.

First and foremost, I will make sure I get myself a laptop which I will use for my homework, assignments, and other educational purposes, after which I will use the balance to get my Tap as You Go public transportation card loaded with funds for a couple of months for my easy transportation access to and from school.

Thank you once again. Your kindness and generosity towards achieving my educational goals can never be forgotten.

Sincerely Yours,

Ayodele A. Delarosa

Abdelaziz El Idrissi

ENGINEERING - ELECTRICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING

Dear Edison STEM Scholarship:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity, I am honored to be one of the recipients of Edison STEM Scholarship.

I am currently majoring in Electrical engineering, and my GPA is 4.0. I have completed 56 units by taking classes last couple years, by the end of this semester I will hopefully have 70 units with 4.0 GPA, I still have a lot of classes to take in order to transfer to my dream university UCLA. My goal is to complete my Associate degree and transfer with a GPA of 4.0 and continue my education.

Receiving this scholarship motivates me to maintain my GPA and complete my degree. As a husband, father and student, I really appreciate your help and generosity in this hard time, your help gave me more confidence in myself. I look forward to graduate and be able to give back to the community once I begin my career. I thank you for having confidence in me and I appreciate your generosity to help me achieve my goals.

Sincerely,

Abdelaziz El Idrissi

Chinonye Ezeoranu

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

I write this to profoundly thank the Edison STEM Scholarship for awarding me with a scholarship. I am thoroughly grateful and elated, as it came when I least expected it.

My name is Chinonye Ezeoranu and I am a student of Los Angeles South West College. My classes begin in earnest for the fall session and I already have four classes registered with little or no time in between to combine those classes with work. This scholarship will give me the opportunity to run my school activities properly as well as avail me the opportunity to buy textbooks and also have money for my bus transportation. Thank you once more for making all these easier for me. Remain blessed.

Sincerely,

Chinonye Ezeoranu

Douglas N. Gonzalez

NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

I want to start off by thanking you so much for your consideration for this scholarship. It means so much to be notified that I have been chosen for this scholarship. I am honored to be receiving this award and honestly shocked as this the first scholarship I have ever applied for. I am very thankful for this award this scholarship is very important because it will relieve any stress I have pertaining to money.

If I have to take courses during the summer or winter sessions, this scholarship will act as a cushion and lift any financial burden. It will also help me buy school supplies, as well as save up money for my eventual transfer. This money will be used as a safety net because anything can happen in life.

I want to thank you once more for choosing to award me this scholarship. I will make good use of the scholarship and make sure it only benefits me. I am so honored and humbled by this scholarship and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,

Douglas N. Gonzalez

Sunday F. Ojapinwa

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SERVICES - COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dear Edison STEM scholarship,

I am writing to thank you for awarding me the Edison STEM scholarship. I am very honored and blessed to be considered and awarded a thousand dollars. This will go a long way in assisting me purchase my text books and school supplies and even some food.

As the first one to have the privilege to attend college in my family, i currently work full time and go to school full time in order to provide for my family and fulfill my dream of getting a college degree. Due to my hectic school schedule, it sometimes difficult to pay all my bills. Some days i would skip meals, so that i can pay my bills.

With this scholarship i can go farther this semester. Thank you very much for considering my application, I am very encouraged and motivated to work harder, make good grades, and hopefully pay it forward someday soon.

Very Sincerely,

Sunday F. Ojapinwa

Raven Elaine Reynolds

PHYSICAL SCIENCES – CHEMISTRY

Dear Edison International,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Edison STEM scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which will allow me to continue to excel in school and maintain my responsibilities as a single mother; both my daughter Ava and I are beyond grateful.

As I complete my education at Los Angeles Southwest College, I am very thankful for receiving your thoughtful gift. Because of your scholarship and considerations I now have that extra boost of confidence to push myself academically and in attaining goals that are becoming more and more feasible, despite my background and current circumstances.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.

Sincerely,

Raven Elaine Reynolds

Daniel W. Smith

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SERVICES - COMPUTER SCIENCE

Edison STEM Scholarship,

The purpose of this letter is express my gratitude for being awarded the Edison STEM scholarship. I really appreciate the help and it means the world to me that I was chosen.

I haven't had a lot of people in my life that believed in me, but I have never given up on myself.

I really appreciate the opportunity to further my education.

Hi, my name is Daniel Smith and I'm what you would consider a non-traditional student.

I am Computer Science major, currently in my third semester of college. I have been getting straight A's since I started, all because I have been applying myself and taking the time to give and accept help. I enjoy spending my free time in the math lab as well as the writing center tutoring my fellow classmates. I'm only available to help on days that I have class and am able to stay a couple hours after.

The scholarship will allow me to commute back and forth to school more often as well as get the supplies needed to get good grades each semester. I would be able to make appointments on days I don't have school and not have to worry about the money it cost to commute. I really look forward to having access to computers in the library or maybe even getting one of mine own.

In closing I would just like to thank you Edison Stem Scholarship for awarding me with this scholarship. I promise to make to most of the opportunity provided by the scholarship program.

I am truly excited about my future and walking the stage and graduating with my fellow classmates.

I will take this investment and make good use of the scholarship while attending college.

I plan on paying it forward with my time and giving help to others as it was so freely given to me.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Smith

Desira D. Williams

PHYSICAL SCIENCES - COMPREHENSIVE SCIENCE

Dear Edison International,

I wanted to say thank you, for believing in me and giving me an opportunity to exceed farther in my educational career towards my degree with the help of your scholarship donation. I am motivated even more to be able to start a career in helping others in our society. My goal is to not let anyone down and stay focus, loyal, and dedicated.

Edison STEM Scholarship is going to be a big help to my family and I in so many ways. One, it will help me pay for child care for me to be able to study and pass my classes. Two, I will be able to have time to organize my schedule to spend more time with my education and less work. And last, it will help with bills and transportation to my on campus classes. To conclude my family and I will like to say, "we are thankful and appreciative of your blessing to us" and I will make sure to study as much as possible to succeed this semester and farther.

Very Respectfully,

Desira D. Williams

Ryan Elisha Williams

MATHEMATICS - STATISTICS

Dear Edison International,

I am extremely grateful to have been selected as the recipient of the Edison STEM scholarship. Words can't describe the amount of appreciation that I have right now. Thanks to your foundation I'm able to take the next step forward in my college journey.

Growing up in South Central Los Angeles I stayed in a very rough neighborhood with little to no resources. To make it out is far fetch and too many trapped in that community believe it's impossible to make it out. At an early age I knew in order to make it out and support my family I would have to get my education.

Nobody in my family has ever been to college so I took the responsibility and the challenge to not only be the first in my family but also the first in my community to achieve a college education. This scholarship is very important to me it's a stepping stone to my college success and it is opening so many doors.

I am truly grateful for this opportunity and I'm eternally thankful for Edison International for providing me the Edison STEM Scholarship and I will do great things with the investment.

Sincerely,

Ryan Elisha Williams



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