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AMDM Master of Science in Regulatory Affairs Scholarship

September 30, 2020

Dear AMDM,

I am honored to be the recipient of this award and thanks to your generous donation, I will be able to complete my graduate degree as planned.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 caused major disruptions in my life, as it did for most people. I had lost my job, had to cancel my wedding, and was uncertain about my continuation within the Regulatory Affairs program here at SDSU. To add to this stress, my fiancé and I had recently purchased our first home, which only added to my concerns regarding my financial well-being.

Growing up in the foster system, I had been used to a turbulent life; however, I have struggled against the odds in order to break that cycle and become a successful individual that I have always strived to be. This includes being the first in my family to earn a college degree and part of the 3% of former foster youth who graduate from an undergraduate program.

While I don't believe I could ever be thankful enough, I owe it to the donors of this scholarship to persevere through these hardships and take with me some valuable life lessons. I am optimistic and truly believe that there is always a silver lining to be seen, in this instance I have learned to accept that some things are just out of our control and that asking for help takes courage and strength.

I have since been able to find a new job, and will be continuing my education this Fall for my final semester in this program. I plan to use my knowledge of Regulatory Affairs to pursue a corporate career within the Bio-Pharmaceutical industry where I hope to impose necessary checks and balances when it comes to the approval of medicine and scientific technology. I hope that I am one day in the position to give back to my community and be the lending hand that the donors of this scholarship have been to me.

Thank you!

Katrina Watson



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Dear AMDM,

I would like to thank the Association of Medical Diagnostics Manufacturers for their generosity in supporting students who are endeavoring in the field of regulatory affairs. The year 2020 has vaulted both the medical diagnostics and regulatory affairs fields to new heights in importance and visibility – and also responsibility. We are seeing the power and role of medical diagnostics in the global fight against the novel coronavirus on full display, and the world has medical diagnostics manufacturers to thank for providing us with the methods to identify and address new global health threats. The regulatory field has also seen unprecedented reactions from regulators around the world, and many regulatory innovations have occurred in the field to accelerate the availability of personal protective equipment, the conduct of clinical trials, and regulatory pathways to treatments and vaccines. We are seeing very directly like never before, how our work contributes to society and global health. This should encourage and inspire us all to continue working with diligence and a passion to help.

The generosity of AMDM will assist me greatly as I approach the conclusion of my Master's program, which has been a significant, personal financial burden as I did not pursue this degree with financial support from an employer. This has also been a year of many practical disruptions to life, and these funds will go very far in contributing to an environment of stability and reducing distractions as I focus on finishing the SDSU program strongly in pursuit of a career pivot into regulatory affairs.

Lastly, as the first scholarship of my graduate academic career, I will always remember AMDM for being the first to recognize my efforts in this field and making a tangible contribution to it. I look forward to any future meetings and opportunities I may have with AMDM, and I hope our futures in the industry will give us great reasons to do so for years to come.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Wu