

Dear Sir Stelios,

As this three-year-old journey comes to an end, I would like to personally thank you for the one of a kind opportunity given to me. From the first day of high school, I was warmly welcomed in a new environment which became a second home to me. Every day I put up my own fight to meet the needs of a demanding curriculum which led to satisfaction once all my efforts paid off. The time spent at Doukas School has taught me to embrace both failure and success, since I am the one responsible for any outcome of my choices. I have turned into a person who is dedicated to any goal she sets and determined to not give up or compromise. I have cultivated knowledge that I might otherwise not be familiar with and I have formed friendships that will last a lifetime. From my school years, an important life lesson acquired is the ability to overcome challenges. No matter how hard the circumstances would become, I managed to overcome them. That being the case, I pushed myself to my limits, leaving my “safety zone” in the process and learning not to fear the unknown.

I saw that moment in my life as a chance to do something for myself in order to develop both personally and professionally. The scholarship offered by your Foundation has opened doors for me and provided me with countless opportunities for progress, firstly in terms of acquiring new knowledge and secondly in broadening my personality. Looking back, I can finally say that the useful skills I have gained, such as public speaking, carrying out an in-depth research of an academic level and the ability to present myself in interviews and applications can be utilized later in the job market and establish me as an active member of the society and a global citizen.

Through the IB, I was introduced to a world not related with what I had pictured about secondary education. I was fortunate enough to have a first contact with volunteering by the CAS program, an action that appeared as an overwhelming new experience. By offering my services to help socially or economically underprivileged people as well as assist in the preservation of the natural environment, I learnt firsthand the act of giving and sharing. The gratitude expressed by everyone is an irreplaceable emotion.

In addition, I was able to further research subjects that I was interested in and to think “out of the box” and take risks. As a result, I consider IB to provide more than typical education; my positive experience leads me to believe that it prepares students for life after school in any possible means.

Ultimately, I am grateful to have been chosen as a scholar of your Foundation. This chapter’s end acts as a passage to pursuit a career in the lifesaving field of Pharmacology, which I intend to study at the University of Bath in the UK. Regarding my future, my ambition is to become part of a research team whose aim is the development of new medications/cosmetic products and later on run a pharmaceutical business of my own. Of course, it is unknown what the future might hold, but your scholarship has served as the basis of a great academic future.

Best Regards,

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