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Liberal Arts High School

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Dear Donor,

Thank you so much for your support towards my tuition here at McAuley. It truly means a lot to me and my family. I'm Valerie Hernandez and I'm a senior at Mother McAuley. This scholarship not only helps me out but helps out my mom with the cost of tuition. This also allows her to focus on other needs of my household like my elderly grandmother, who lives with us. My mom is currently a single mother working a full time job during the week and a part time job on weekends and weekdays in order to give me the opportunity to attend a better school for my academic and athletic interests. I try so hard to do good every day in the classroom and out of the classroom in order to create opportunities like this one to help out my mom and make her proud. Two of the main reasons why I made the switch to Mother McAuley from Oak Lawn Community High School are because of my academic and athletic interests.

Currently at McAuley I am involved in Varsity soccer, Spanish Honors Society, Spanish Club, Intramural sports, and Macs Lead. All of these clubs and honor societies have been great experiences. For example, varsity soccer gave me a family at school. They welcomed me as if I had been there the previous years and taught me discipline. This discipline taught me a lot on and off the field. It taught me to limit excuses and try my hardest in everything I do, not only for myself but for the people around me. Another example is McAuley pushing me to be in harder classes even when I thought I couldn't do it. I had a lot of academic achievements that I thought I could never do before McAuley. For example, scoring a 4 on an AP exam when I thought it was impossible before. McAuley even broke me out of my shell and pushed me to go out of my comfort zone, make new friends, fail, succeed, anything and everything.

Finally, I would like to say thank you again. This scholarship is truly a blessing and I can't thank you enough. It's amazing what you do for everyone and this scholarship is too kind. Words can't express how grateful I am for your support, so I'll continue to work hard in my community not only for my own happiness but to keep showing how thankful I am to be presented with a scholarship like this.

Thank you again.

*Sincerely,
Valerie Hernandez*