

Dear Bautista Family,

I want to thank you so much supporting me and giving me a chance to prove to you that I will really work hard to show my appreciation for this scholarship. I am grateful I was able to connect with you at the scholarship breakfast again this year.

I am in my junior year; I play the violin and I really like to participate in cross country and track & field. I work downtown in a lawyer's department at Heartland Alliance. This organization helps immigrants with court cases. I work as a secretary, working there made me realize how I am helping lots of people in many ways. Sometimes I see lawyers give out good news and I see the reaction of the client and it makes me feel so proud to work there as part of the CWSP at Cristo Rey. I also volunteer at the Pilsen Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. Helping them makes me feel proud to live in the neighborhood. It also makes me feel good about myself knowing that I am helping my community when they are in need.

When I heard that I received this scholarship, me and my family were overjoyed with the news. This helps our family a lot since we are able to have more affordable tuition payments which allows me to participate in other activities outside of school like playing the violin. My parents are able to afford my violin lessons. Since Covid started everything has changed and affected lots of families like mine with affording food or paying bills and affording school materials. This scholarship has lessened that burden for my parents. Knowing that I got this scholarship from amazing people makes me feel so honored and gives me motivation to do good in my studies.

Thank you so much,

Kayla