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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Dear Phi U Friend,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As we fall into the holiday season, we often find ourselves reflecting on family traditions and community expectations. In a world often filled with noise and pretense, we can all find strength from one another, our Phi U family. Your compassion and commitment to making a positive contribution creates lasting change for not only those who are directly impacted, but their families and communities as well.



This ripple effect of genuine connection that permeates our relationships can only be achieved by rendering our words and deeds from the spirit of sincerity. There is a unique power in the way we make people feel seen and heard. When authenticity seeps into our relationships, it produces trust and a valid sense of connection. We, Phi U members, are privileged to shine our light of family, friendship, and service with others. These sentiments are expressed in our current theme, *“Family: The Foundation & Legacy of FCS.”*

Together, we can make a meaningful impact on all of those around us. By supporting Phi Upsilon Omicron, we have the opportunity to be part of something greater than ourselves – a collective effort to uplift the lives of others and experience a profound sense of fulfillment and connectedness. Whether through a monetary donation, volunteering our time and skills, or simply spreading awareness, every contribution, no matter how small, brings us one step closer in honoring our society.

This year, we are happy to report that the Phi Upsilon Omicron Educational Foundation **awarded over \$115,000 in scholarships, fellowships, and awards for the 2023-2024 academic year!** We are grateful for your continued support through charitable donations that make these awards possible. Let us continue to support the wonderful work of our honor society by renewing your annual alumni gift and the publication of *The Candle*, donating to Phi Upsilon Omicron, Inc., helping with a gift to grow one of our award funds, and serving where you can.

THANK YOU for your dedication, passion, and commitment to our shared goals. As you read about some of our impact on students, know that your Phi U family is here for you, and we wish you a very special Holiday Season!



Tess Richardson, Zeta, University of Idaho

“I am grateful for this scholarship as it will help to complete my goal of graduating with a degree in Apparel, Textiles, and Design at the University of Idaho. Phi Upsilon Omicron has been an important part of my college experience, especially this past year. I was proud to be a part of a community that sent us support through the hardships at the University of Idaho. It was extremely touching to be reached out to across the country and to know we weren’t alone in this. Not only am I grateful to have received this scholarship, but the support of a community that’s larger than me.”

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Monaye Rikard, Gamma Omicron, Morgan State University

“It is a great honor to be a recipient of the Forthun-Rust Scholarship. I am exceedingly grateful for your belief and financial support toward my higher education. Upon graduation, it is my goal to make a difference in the educational system on many levels. As a first-generation adult college student, I’ve endured some challenges, but I am proud to admit that my perseverance has led me to pursue opportunities offered at Morgan State University. One of my greatest achievements has been my induction into the Phi Upsilon Omicron honor society which has motivated me to continue chasing my dreams.”



Josie Miller, Beta Zeta, Texas Christian University

“I am so grateful to have received the Margaret Jerome Sampson Scholarship... This scholarship has helped relieve a lot of stress for both me and my family...Finances have been complicated recently, so this scholarship was an absolute blessing. I look forward to being able to give back to the Phi Upsilon Omicron organization once I am an established professional.”

Portions of this letter were drafted by Kacy Markham, Past Alumni Councilor.

Consider submitting your own **#FCSsuccess** story by emailing national@phiu.org

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