

Dear Vaughan-Christopher Family and Lago Vista Viking Booster Club,

I am writing to express my deep gratitude for your contribution to my education. I am extremely honored to be chosen as a recipient of this award, and to earn the privilege to represent this scholarship. I would also like to thank you for your presentation and recognition at the Blue and Gold Ceremony, it was extremely kind and I was so honored to be recognized in association with Whitney. Even now, looking back on that night, I am overcome with emotions.

I was lucky enough to be a teammate alongside Whitney for some years. I remember her as a source of pure kindness. In each interaction that comes to mind, she went out of her way to include me in jokes and general team spirit despite my being on a lower team than her. Her kindness was not limited to the court however, I recall one specific moment in time where I had given a speech at a Pep Rally. It was my first time on the microphone and I was beyond nervous before, during, and after. I remember later that day seeing her in line for athletics, where she again went out of her way to impart a little kindness to me. She told me I was a natural and she was inclined to listen to me speak. I often think of that moment before I publicly speak, even today. This is not a story I share often, but I do think of it frequently, and moments like those make me incredibly proud to be named alongside her.

As you know, I am attending Texas Tech University for Chemical Engineering, but I wanted to give you a little update on what my education is looking like now. I was just accepted into one of the two research programs that I wanted to participate in for the Fall. I also have found a mentor at Tech who will help me with the other of the two research programs. All of my classes were successfully registered for, and I grow more and more excited to attend each day. Thanks to you, I have been afforded the ability to pursue these opportunities. It is not lost on me what a privilege and honor this scholarship is, and I plan to serve it well throughout my education.

I am truly grateful to receive this scholarship. This honor means the absolute world to me. I cannot properly express how thankful I am to be afforded this opportunity. This will play such a fundamental role in my education. I am beyond honored to be awarded this and hope to be an ideal representative of this scholarship.

I would like to thank you again for this scholarship. Your generosity is so deeply appreciated, and I am so inspired by your selfless contribution to education. Generous organizations and people like yourself are the backbone to education and progress, thank you so much for investing in mine and others' future. I hope to make you proud in my endeavors and represent this scholarship well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Reagan", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Reagan Phariss