Hello, everyone. My name is Mary Anne Chambers and I’m happy to be speaking to you on behalf of donors. I served as a governor of the University of Guelph for six years.

Unlike my fellow governors, I had not studied at this university, but it took me no time at all to feel as if I'd been a member of the community for a long time.

As if to reinforce that sense of belonging, I was later asked to address graduates of your college, the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences, and the following year, I was honored to receive an honorary doctorate and again have the opportunity to address graduates of CSAHS.

I have chosen to direct my support towards helping students to achieve their academic dreams, because I know that financial challenges can sometimes make it very difficult, perhaps even impossible, to achieve a post-secondary education.

That's the reason behind the Mary Anne Chambers Entrance Bursary. My fellow donors and I applaud your aspirations, your hard work, and what you have already achieved. Congratulations!

We hope you feel encouraged by the fact that we believe you will succeed. We also know that you will help others along the way. The fact that you have chosen to study at this university and at this college suggests that you want to make your very special mark on this world.

You want to help to improve lives. You want to make our world better, more caring, and a more just place. The world really does need you, so please, go make your life matter.

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