Hello, my name is Zoey Ross and I'm a very grateful recipient of an award that was gifted to me by donors through the College.

I'm the very first person in my family to go to university, and this award meant a lot to me because it let me focus on my academics without having to worry about financial barriers.

By not having to worry as much about the income that I needed for living and existing, I was able to focus on my studies more and ultimately improve my average and that allowed me into the master’s program in the Department of Geography at the University of Guelph.

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I want to kindly thank the donors for giving to students and giving to the University to help break down those financial barriers so students can get a better education. Thank you.

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