

Dear AAUW Chapter of Longmont,

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship this year. It is a privilege to have your continued support as I make it through these four years of medical school. As you know, I am in my second year of medical school at University of Michigan and am currently going through my clinical rotations. It is a tough, albeit rewarding year. In the hospital, I really enjoy talking to my patients and their families as I help explain their diagnoses and make complex medical decisions. That patient-family-provider connection is my primary driver to pursuing medicine.

Outside of the clinical space, I continue to enjoy exercising, spending time outdoors, dancing on the med school's dance team (Biorhythms), and spending time with my friends. Next year, I will be able to hone in on the areas of my interest and do rotations more specific to my goals. For me, this is going to mean doing more OBGYN-centered rotations, as that seems to be my long-term goal so far.

Receiving this scholarship means a great deal to me for two reasons: 1) to continue to have a relationship and the backing of my hometown makes me feel incredibly supported and inspired to come back home and pay it forward. 2) medical school is certainly expensive, so any financial offset I am able to receive is helpful.

Many thanks to you all and hope to catch up with you in person!!