

THANK YOU



Mariah's Challenge Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for selecting me as the recipient of the Mariah's Challenge Scholarship. I am honored to have been chosen to receive this scholarship. I will put it to great use as I attend Minor State University in the fall.

Sincerely,  
Quinn Sullivan

June 28, 2020

Mariah's Challenge Scholarship

Attn: Leo McCarthy and family

15 Discovery Dr.

Butte, MT 59701

Dear McCarthy family,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for awarding me with the Mariah's Challenge Scholarship. As a student recipient, the financial support you are gifting me with will give me a start towards a successful future. It has been an honor to uphold the mission statement you have instilled within our community and it will be a true pleasure to be one of the many students that will help bring your vision of a long and prosperous future into light.

As I start my college education to pursue a degree in nursing, I plan to be diligent in my studies in order to become the professional I desire to be. In the beginning, I was unsure as to what my plans were for the future and what pathway I would take to further my education. However, I have always known that I wanted to be involved with and give back to the people in my community. Discovering what I believe to be my purpose for the future has led me to enroll at Montana Technological University in the nursing program.

Having worked with multiple families, companies, and elderly individuals within my own community, I look forward to working within a clinical environment or at a hospital on the

obstetrics/labor and delivery floor. Having the opportunity to welcome life into the world and assist with providing care, support, and empathy to those in need and making a difference in the lives of many is something I truly look forward to. Knowing that I have the opportunity to better another's life and health each and every day is what has sparked my career interests from the beginning and will continue to be my inspiration.

Again, I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to be a recipient of such an amazing scholarship. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. You will continue to help me work towards achieving success throughout my future endeavors at Montana Technological University and beyond. I cannot thank Mariah's Challenge and your family enough.

Sincerely

Dear Leo McCarthy

I would love to thank you for selecting me for the marich's Challenge Scholarship it is a great honor to me that i was chosen for this award.

I would like you to know the money is going to help me get through nursing school so i can go on and help save lives and set great examples for children and teenagers like myself.

Sincerely

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Leon

Thank you so much for the pins! Our families greatly appreciated them! It is completely amazing how you all have turned this event into such a positive thing! Mariah would be so proud! You have strength & courage beyond what many of us have. Thank you for that as it helps us in dealing w/ our own losses! If there is anything you or your family needs let me know!  
Thank you so much again!

Dear Marian's Challenge.

Thank you very much for selecting me as a scholarship recipient. It will definitely come in handy when I start school in the fall. I find the work that all of you do amazing. Thank you for all that you do for our community.

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The Marian's challenge

Thank you for your scholarship. I appreciate the assistance towards my future college plans.

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Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient for the Mariah's Challenge Scholarship. I truly feel honored and appreciate your generosity. Your scholarship will help me to achieve my lifelong goal of becoming an orthodontist.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mariah's Challenge Foundation, June 12

Thank you so much for selecting me for this year's Mariah's Challenge Scholarship! I am honored to have received the award, and plan to use it to pay for college tuition.

Thank you! Sincerely,

Dear Leo, It is with deep gratitude we offer you our thanks for arriving to East Middle School as the "Schwa." We have taken on this project this year, being the 1<sup>st</sup> school in Butte to take on One Book/One Community. When you arrived, the students did not yet know what was about to happen. As you spoke, there was a hush in the room, as you could tell many teenagers relate to the "Schwa Effect" of sometimes feeling invisible or unnoticed. You were the perfect motivation into our introduction, given shortly after you spoke. Thanks so much for coming to EMS every year as our most admired guest speaker. Your message is always

...your thoughtfulness

brightened my day!

well received since you have the gift of an effective presentation. Thanks for all you + Janice do for the youth of Butte - we are watching and we do believe in what you are doing. Sincerely,



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Mariah's Challenge  
Scholarship Foundation ~

I just wanted to tell you  
how honored and thankful I  
am to accept Mariah's Challenge  
Scholarship. I am proud of the  
direction the Challenge has kept  
me ~~in~~ moving in, and I promise  
to continue to help spread the  
message of the challenge to  
others. Thank you all  
so much for all you  
have done for our  
community!

DEAR LEO,

Thank you so much for allowing me the honor of being a part of Mariah's challenge. It is truly a program that has made such a difference in our community and has inspired so many people in so many different ways! It has made me feel proud to stick to what I believe in. You are truly such an inspiration to me and Mariah and Jenna are really lucky to have you as their dad! Thanks again, and the reception was a very special night in my life!

Dear James & Leo,

Thank you very much for the  
Friday evening last night. It was  
everything and even more than I  
expected. The recipients need to possess  
those scholarships and hang them in  
their dorm rooms. This is a real achievement  
when you can look in the mirror and accept  
Marion's Challenge. You both have made  
a real difference in our community.

Again thanks & God Bless

1st Place  
7th grade

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**Red Ribbon Week Essay**

7th grade

“Don’t do drugs” is a common phrase you hear coming out of many adults mouths, especially teachers and parents. But what does that mean to kids? nothing. Well, we may think about it and then just shake it off. Now, since I have gotten into middle school, teachers are actually taking more of the class time to explain what drugs exactly do. Middle schoolers still don’t get it though. I know about 5 kids that are in my classes that smoke pot, smoke tobacco and drink. All these kids that are doing this have parents who smoke. Parents are a huge influence on kids and we look up to them more than they can imagine. By not smoking or doing drugs my parents are a big in influencing me to not do drugs. That is just one person changing my life. If everyone did one little thing like this we wouldn’t have such a big problem.

My community is another perfect example of how one person can make a big difference. About a year ago, Maria McCarthy, a freshman at Butte High, died in a car crash. Maria and 2 other friends were just walking home and were hit by a drunk driver. Because of this instance Maria’s dad has started a program called Mariah’s Challenge. Many of Butte’s people are fighting strong for Mariah’s Challenge and to stop people, especially kids, from drinking and driving drunk. Mariah’s Challenge is growing day by day and I continue to see it get bigger and better.

I believe people can make a difference if they just go out there and don’t ever stop trying. Lots of people don’t

just get up and do something. They just think the opportunity will come to them, but let me tell you something, it doesn't. People who believe in making a difference, I feel, have to show the kids what they are doing to themselves. The fact that drugs are bad doesn't get into their minds. For instance, when I was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade I went to an exhibit called Body World and I saw what your lungs and organs look like if you smoke and do drugs. Believe me they aren't pretty. But if teachers and parents get out there and show the kids what actually is going to happen to them, they will then understand what drugs are going to do to their body. When one or more people make a stand they can help at least one person from ruining their life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for honoring me with the Mariah's Challenge Scholarship. Your scholarship has enabled me to pursue my college degree at Montana State University-Northern beginning Fall 2009. I will be majoring in Graphic Design and attaining a minor in Computer Information Systems. Thanks to your generosity, my costs for college have been deferred to the point that I am able to pay for my first year of college without placing a financial burden on my family. I appreciate you awarding this scholarship and want you to know you have made my college aspirations much easier to attain.

Thanks Again,

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Kilmer,

Thank you so much for awarding me with the Mariah's Challenge Scholarship. Mariah's Challenge is very important in instituting a safe social culture in Butte Montana, and I am proud to contribute to this change. I fully intend to take this change with me to college next year.

Thanks again!



To whom it may concern,

I had recently received the Mariah's Challenge Scholarship. I just wanted to take a minute and say thank you for the scholarship. I am very thankful and much honored to have received the Mariah's Challenge Scholarship. Your program is excellent and changing Butte for the better.

With this scholarship, I am going to show people of all ages what it takes. You just have to have high self-esteem and be very confident in yourself. When someone asks you if you want to drink or do drugs all you have to do is say no! That's easier said than done, but if you have high self-esteem and self-confidence you will be able to do it without thinking. All you have to do is stay true to yourself and always know you are doing the right thing.

I will stick to what I say for the rest of my life. I accept Mariah's Challenge. Once again, thank you for this scholarship.

Dear Mariah's Challenge Committee :

Thank you very much for selecting me as one of the recipients for the Mariah's Challenge Scholarship. It is greatly appreciated and will be a huge help financially.

This scholarship will be of great assistance to me in my goal of attaining a college degree. It is wonderful to know that there are people like you who support a student's efforts to excel.

Again, thank you very much for your generosity.

Sincerely,

August 15, 2011

Mariah's Challenge Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 66  
Butte, Montana 59701

To: Mariah's Challenge Scholarship Committee

Thank you very much for helping me finance my first year at Montana Tech University. I enjoyed Montana Tech, however I have decided to enroll in online classes at Columbia Southern University for Criminal Justice. I have completed the application process to CSU and am awaiting my acceptance. When I do get accepted I will contact you with CSU's information for the remainder of my scholarship.

I did contact Montana Tech University and I am having the funds sent back to your committee.

Thank you again and I will keep you well informed of my plans for this next year.



Leo,

I wanted to take the time to thank you for the time and energy you have put in to serving your community to prevent underage drinking and the prevention of impaired driving. People like you make Montana a better place! ~ ~

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Congratulations!

You make us proud.

The JHS Mariah's Challenge  
Leadership Team - Boulder, MT

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So proud of you!

Thank you for making it possible for me  
to be a part of the Mariah's Challenge  
and for all the hard work you did  
to make it happen.

- Kristin  
Winters

thank you

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for Mariah's Challenge  
Scholarship Committee:

Thank you so much

for awarding me with  
Scholarship this year!

It will help out a lot!!

I am so glad that  
you are honoring Mariah  
in so many ways.

Thanks again

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Debbie, Jimmie, Chad and Mariah's  
Challenge,

Thank you so much for choosing  
me as a Mariah's Challenge Scholarship  
award recipient. I am so sorry I  
was unable to make it to the  
banquet. I am very excited about  
attending Montana Tech in the fall.  
Thank you again for choosing me.  
Thanks again.

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Dear Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you very much for  
awarding me your most generous  
Scholarship. I am grateful and honored  
and assure you, it will be put  
to good use

Thank you again



# Thank You

*On Behalf of the Student Council, the Lima Faculty and Staff and the school board, we would like to thank you for the presentation and for your time to come speak to a community as small as ours. Words cannot express the impact that the enlightening words had upon our community. I don't think there was dry eye in our lunch room. We appreciate the views and as you know have accepted the challenge and are going to pursue how to gain our own chapter in it. Again we thank you and hope to keep a good thing going here in Lima*



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To Sadie,  
My Best Wishes!

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May 20, 2020

The McCarthy Family

Mariah's Challenge

P.O. Box 66

Butte, MT 59703

Dear the McCarthy family,

Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient for the Mariah's Challenge scholarship. I enjoyed the opportunity to share with you a little bit about myself and my future plans. I am very excited to start this new chapter of my life and appreciate your support!

Thank you again!

October 18, 2011

Mariah Daye McCarthy Scholarship Foundation, LLC  
Butte, MT 59703

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. As a high school student from New York, I am very fascinated with the foundation you have created, since I too grow up in a town where underage drinking is all too popular. I am very sorry about what happened to your daughter, and I feel that your actions in response to the tragic accident reflect your compassionate and guiding nature. The devotion you have to Mariah's fund is exceptional and I am grateful that people like you exist to educate and provide a positive influence to many teenagers. I am aware that you are primarily based in Montana and I am interested in starting a program like that of Mariah's fund here in the state of New York. I would like to take the necessary steps to develop an anti-underage drinking foundation close to home.

It is all too often that a minor thinks they are alright to drive home after being out drinking, when in fact they are not. Not only do they put their own lives at risk, but they also put other people on the road in danger as well. In New York, not too many people are aware of the dangers of underage drinking, as not enough is being done to prevent it. Like with Mariah's Challenge, I feel that encouraging students to pledge not to drink and drive, will encourage many teenagers to think before they act. By sponsoring town events and educating students and parents, many people may be discouraged from drinking and driving. I am asking for your help Mr. McCarthy, because I would like to make a difference within my community and eventually encourage new legislation within my state. I want to make the roads a safer place; however, I am only a teenager, and I am therefore unaware of how to create a non-profit organization that deals with underage alcohol prevention. Your program is very successful, which leads me to believe you could offer me some advice on how to get started. I would really appreciate learning how to help save some lives, before it is too late.

Again, I would like to show my gratitude to your dedication and involvement in Mariah's fund. I think what you are doing is exceptional, and you have already saved more lives than you know. You have inspired me to try and promote healthy, responsible lifestyles within my own community. I would appreciate if you could get back to me and inform me on how to approach starting an organization. I would love to make as much of a difference in New York, as you and your family have in Montana. Thank you very much for your time.



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Leo, Janice, & Jenna,

Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient for the Mariah's Challenge Scholarship! I was lucky I had Mariah's Challenge to guide me in high school. I look forward to my next chapter at Carroll College, and I know you are helping to make it possible! Thank you again. Stay healthy.



Dear Mariab's Challenge Foundation,

Thank you so much for the scholarship and all of the opportunities it will give me. Also, thank you for caring about Butte's youth. It really makes a difference.



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On behalf of the 8th Annual - The Depot - Crossroads Shootout we would like to thank you for your donation and contribution. In 8 years we have donated \$29,000 to Maria's Challenge. We are excited for the 9th Annual tournament next April. Thanks again and have a great summer.