As I get ready to head back to UVA after completing my first semester and enjoying a relaxing winter break, I just wanted to send your organization an update and thank you once again for the scholarship money granted to me this year!

I am absolutely loving it down in Charlottesville. The school has proven a great fit for me both socially and academically. This semester I took mostly gen-ed required classes but was blown away by the academic caliber of the classes and fell in love with the way college teaches you to think. I am proud to say that I earned all A's.

This coming semester I am excited because I will be traveling to Portland, Oregon for spring break as a chosen participant of the Alternative Spring Break Club! I will be working alongside Portland Parks and Recreation on a service-based trip where we will be heading conservation efforts, overseeing trail maintenance, and studying endangered species, all activities that I am very interested in. This is the first time I will ever travel west of Pennsylvania so I am sure it will be an adventure.

Thank you so much again for the scholarship opportunity. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity.

Sincerely, Julia Hohenstein